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Hoopsters scoop up awards in MIAA

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Awards started piling up for the Bearcat basketball team with the announcement of the all-MIAA first and second teams Monday. Four 'Cats received honors while head coach Steve Tappmeyer was named coach of the year.

Senior guard Shakey Harrington was named player of the year in the MIAA conference.

"It's a prestigious honor, but I really can't take the credit for that, I have to give half of it to my teammates," Harrington said. "We've all done it together; I didn't go out and win these games by myself. It's been a team concept all year, and I gladly accept this award on behalf of the entire team."

Senior Brian Burleson and junior Matt Redd were elected to the second team. Junior LeVant Williams was given an all-conference honorable mention.

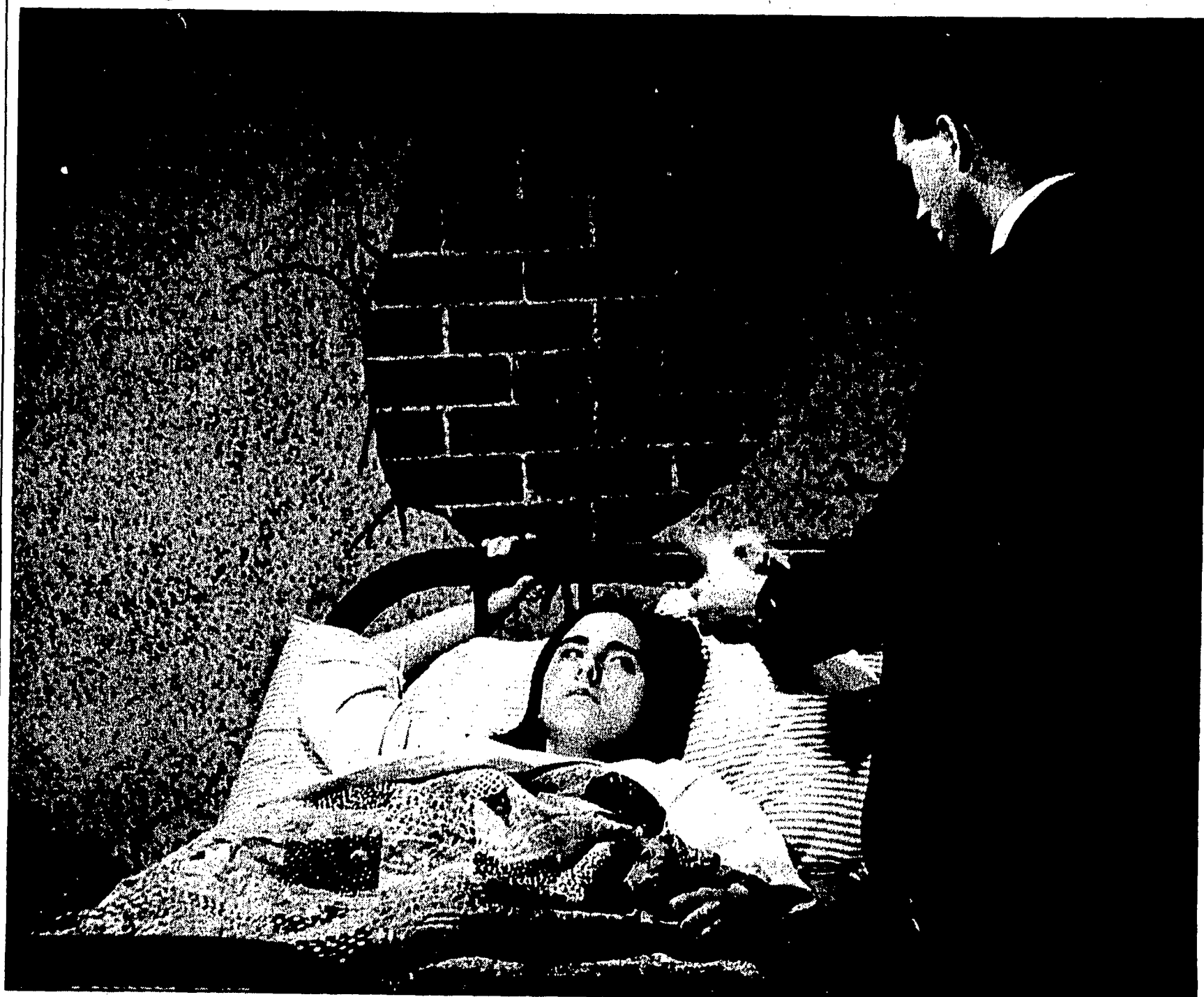
The 'Cats will take their awards to the NCAA Division II regional tournament in Canyon, Texas where they will play Pittsburg State University, Thursday at 8 p.m.

West Texas A & M University will play the winner of the game. Missouri Western State College, MIAA co-champion also received a bye in the tournament and will play the winner of Texas A & M Commerce and Central Oklahoma Friday.

The road to Louisville begins in Texas.

For more basketball coverage turn to page 8 and 9.

Addressing abortion



Karen Murano and Paul Nevins rehearse their lines for "Keely and Du". The controversial theater production about abortion will run tonight through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and again Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Amy Roh/
Staff Photographer

Conference helps teachers productively use Internet

by Scott Summers
Community Sports Editor

Several Northwest faculty members learned this week how to make better use of the weapon of the future — the Internet.

The Stop Surfing — Start Teaching 1998 National Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C., focused on sharing ideas about how to use the Internet to assist teachers and make everyday activities in the classroom more productive.

Participants were able to attend a variety of sessions ranging from distance learning to building web sites.

Northwest teachers were glad to have an opportunity to visit with faculty members from other institutions across the country.

Gary Ury, computer science and information systems lecturer, said he enjoyed being able to get an idea of what other schools were doing with the Internet.

"I think that is one of the true values of any conference," Ury said. "(You can) get an idea of where you are compared to others."

Ury believes the Internet will be the weapon of the future in teaching, especially because so many students already know how to use it.

"It's just another tool in the arsenal of a teacher," Ury said.

The biggest advantage of attending the conference was getting the chance to mix with people in other teaching disciplines, said Nancy Thompson, associate professor of computer science and information systems.

Thompson believes "technology will change education" and faculty members need to be prepared to manage it.

Northwest faculty members came away from the conference believing Northwest was well-prepared to jump into the new wave of Internet teaching.

"We're not by any means an expert, but we're up there with the leaders," said Jody Strauch, mass communication instructor.

Thompson also believes Northwest is on the right track on becoming the leaders of the Internet progression.

"I think what we found was (that) we are kind of ahead of the game," Thompson said. "We found out we're the leaders, not the followers."

Street department

Quest to fill job finishes

■ City Manager appoints interim superintendent for administrative position

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

The street department superintendent position was filled Monday after a three-month search.

Jay Cacek was appointed by City Manager David Angerer to fill the vacancy. His term will start March 12.

Cacek was the interim street superintendent after David Middleton resigned in January to concentrate on his Mozingo Lake superintendent position.

Maryville had been looking for the new superintendent since December. Although there were numerous applicants for the position, the city did not hire anyone until now.

Maryville offered the job to Cacek in February. However, he did not take the position.

"I wasn't ready (to be the street superintendent), really didn't think about it," Cacek said. "If you are happy with where you are, why mess with it?"

However, after two weeks of consideration, Cacek decided to accept the position.

"I talked to a lot of people about the position, and I thought it may be a big move for me to try," he said.

Cacek said the superintendent is an important position and he plans to do his best.

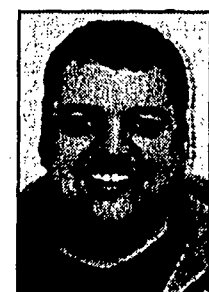
"(Middleton's) shoes are pretty big shoes to fill," Cacek said. "We will try hard to get the jobs done."

People who know Cacek were pleased with his decision to become the superintendent.

Ron Brohammer, director of Public Works, said Cacek had been doing well since he became the interim superintendent.

"I think he is a terrific young man, and he will do a very fine job," Brohammer said.

Cacek had been working for the street department as an operator for four years. Dale Mathes, City Council member, said it is nice for a person in the department to become the superintendent.



■ Jay Cacek

New position to help faculty use technology

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The Northwest Board of Regents approved the appointment of an Iowa State University professor to a new position.

Michael Simonson will become Northwest's Director for the Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning.

Simonson will provide leadership for the faculty members currently involved with the center and the modular learning program.

"What we're really excited about in Mike Simonson is that he really knows the issues of using technology where it has the right and maximum effect," Provost Tim Gilmour said. "What we hope is that he will see his role as helping as many faculty as possible to get their feet wet and ultimately to really begin to get excited about the prospects of the application of information technology and learning."

Simonson comes to Northwest from Iowa State, where he was the professor of curriculum and instruction, specializing in educational technology.

The University used a nationwide search and 80 applicants were screened for the position, some of which were Northwest faculty members.

"What we ended up getting was a person that is currently a national leader and is really interested in working at an institution that has (Northwest's) kind of commitment to applying information technology to learning," Gilmour said.

Simonson will finish out the semester at Iowa State, although he will be at Northwest various times throughout the semester.

An exact date has not been set for Simonson to begin his position full time, Gilmour said.

Simonson has over 20 years of experience in systems design and educational technology.

"He brings enormous expertise," University President Dean Hubbard said. "He's certainly one of the leading authorities in this country in doing this sort of thing. He'll not only provide guidance for the faculty that want to work in this area, but he also has a lot of insight experience."

Simonson received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Iowa State and his doctorate from the University of Iowa.

Over time, using Simonson's knowledge, Northwest can have a Center that will have a significant influence on faculty and how they think of the learning experiences they provide to students, Gilmour said.

First senior housing cooperative in Missouri breaks ground



Darren Papke/Photography Director

Maryville residents break ground during a ceremony kicking off the construction of Missouri's first Homestead Cooperative of Maryville Saturday.

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

The groundbreaking ceremony for the first senior housing cooperative in Missouri kicked off construction Saturday.

Homestead Cooperative of Maryville, a housing complex for independent seniors, will be completed in November. The construction will begin in mid-March.

The building will be a one-story complex with 24 homes. It will cost \$2.4 million to build. It is designed for seniors, age 55 or older to stay in Maryville by providing a nearby community of peers.

"(Homestead housing is) mainly to keep seniors in Maryville instead of moving to St. Joseph or Kansas City for this type of living," said Susie Nelson, housing counselor at Homestead Cooperative of Maryville.

Carol Gregg, Homestead Missouri Project manager, was happy about the progress of this project. "I'm very pleased (to be) a part of Homestead to work with the community of Maryville," Gregg said. "It truly has been the community effort."

About 10 homes have been reserved for people in Iowa as well as surrounding areas, Anna Mae Volkmar, a reserved homeowner from Bedford, Iowa, decided to purchase the house because it was the closest one to her home.

Although Homestead is a corporation having 12 buildings in six Midwest states, Maryville's project is run primarily by local organizations including contractors and board members.

"We try to keep as much as money as possible in the community," Gregg said. "So, we are unique in that way."

Through an invitation from Maryville, the Homestead project started two years ago.

"It's a super project for senior citizens," said Marlin Slagle, chairperson of the Homestead Cooperative of Maryville interim board. "It has been long time (waiting for this)."

By many people's supports, the completion of community for seniors that will feature an advanced security system and handicap accessibility has become realistic, Nelson said.

"I just want to thank everyone involved in this (project) because we could not have done (it) without everyone's help," Nelson said.

View Point

Center allows technological advancement

The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is good news for everyone at Northwest. This article addresses why this is so and presents the broad outlines of how the Center is expected to operate.



■ Tim Gilmour

The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is a positive addition for students and faculty for several key reasons. First, it helps faculty make learning more interesting and expands the scope of material they can bring to students in the classroom through the use of the Internet, the World Wide Web and other sources of computerized learning modules. Second, it permits faculty to break courses down into computer-based learning modules. By "modularizing" courses, faculty can allow students to move through a course at their own pace and can change their primary role from lecturing and testing to helping students learn and assess themselves in ways that best match their individual learning styles. Third, it will enable students who cannot come to Northwest to study to take much of their academic program at places and times that are convenient to them. (For current students, this should be a tremendous advantage because Northwest will be able to meet most of their professional updating needs in the future with this capability.) Ultimately, we believe, by combining all of these advantages, that information technology can increase the amount and quality of student learning at Northwest.

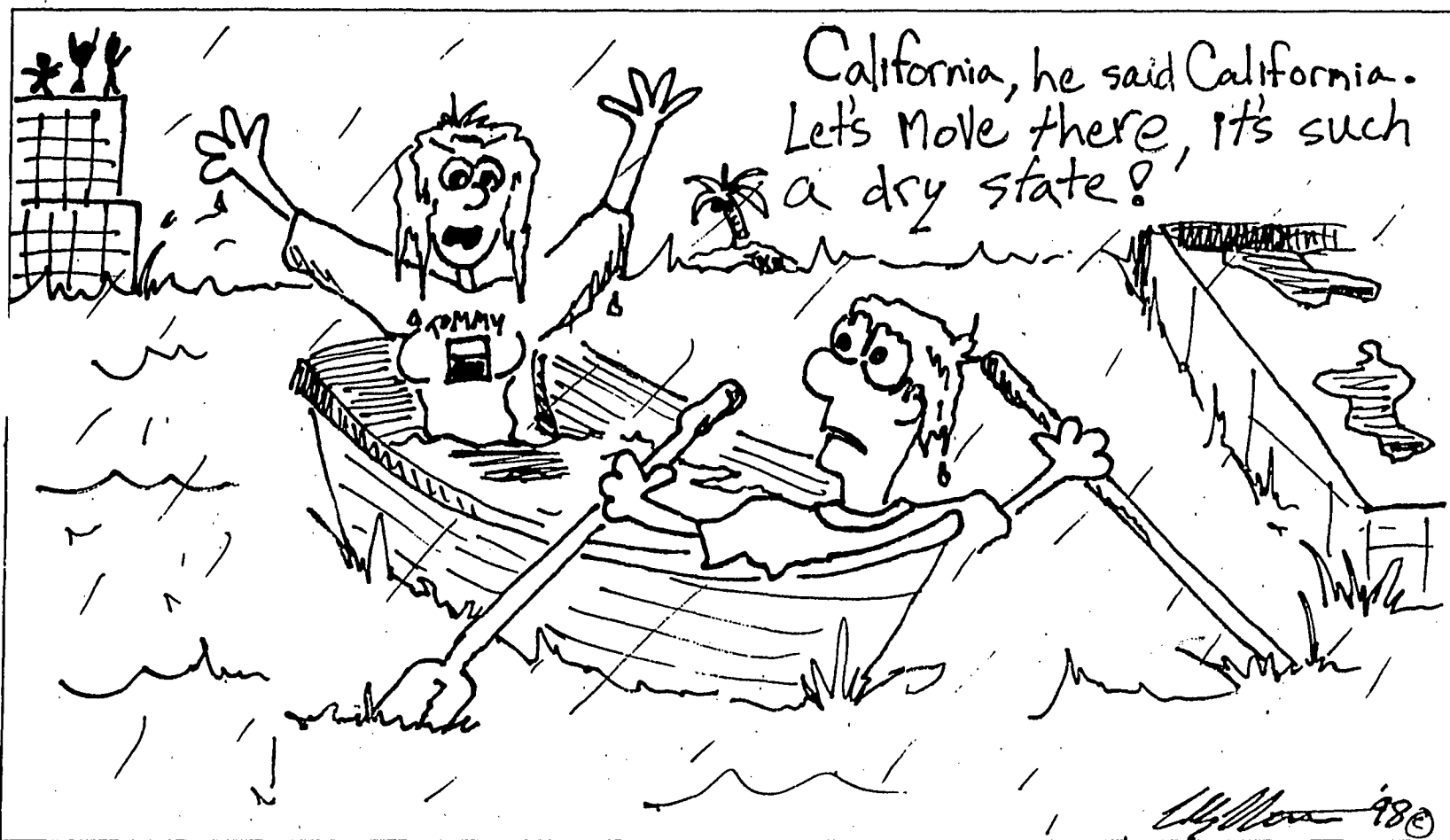
The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is also good news for Northwest as an institution. First, as part of Northwest's mission enhancement funding, it places no additional financial burden on students.

Second, it uniquely positions the University in Missouri as the only institution designated for the development of information technology applications to learning. Third, and most important, if leading higher education thinkers are correct, the future of higher education belongs to institutions that are competent in the information technology arena. Clearly, the Center and the mission associated with it give Northwest a major competitive advantage in the future.

How will the Center operate? It is presumptuous to provide more than the broadest outline of thinking in this area, because we have just hired a director, Michael Simonson from Iowa State, to whom we have given considerable discretion in the design of the Center. What we have told Simonson is that we do not want the Center to operate as an "island" serving a few highly talented faculty whose full-time mission it is to advance the purposes of the Center. (At its full complement, in Fiscal Year 2001, the Center will have six full-time faculty positions.) Instead, we want a Center that pulls in a wide cross-section of Northwest faculty over time to work on focused projects, using release time and technology support from the Center, to advance their work on applying information technology to learning. In fact, these faculty would not be housed in the Center, but instead would stay in their home departments in order to share what they are learning as Center "fellows" with their colleagues back home. In addition, we want the Center to help faculty focus on initiatives that improve student learning processes using technology to accomplish that aim as contrasted to a Center solely dedicated to the development of information technology applications. With this design, we hope the Center will have an extraordinary effect on the University's overall competence in helping students learn better through the use of information technology.

One caution. The Center's impact on learning at Northwest will not be immediate. We do, however, feel confident that by the time the Center reaches its full operating capacity in Fiscal Year 2001, its impact will be felt not only at Northwest but across the nation.

Tim Gilmour is the provost for the University.



It's Your Turn

Being that it is Procrastination Week, what do you put off the most?



"I put off washing the dishes and paying my bills."

Corey Johnson, public relations major



"I put off the most important things I need to do."

Brooke Moberly, horticulture major



"I wait on writing papers."

Adam Smith, history major



"I procrastinate hard homework until the night before. I do the easy things right away."

Melissa Maw, elementary education major



"Studying for tests because I don't. So I guess I put it off too far."

John Haze, accounting major



"What don't I procrastinate on?"

Amy Kracher, psychology/sociology major



"I put off projects that are due two months away. I could do them now, but I don't."

Dawn Stritzel, elementary education major

Our View

OF THE UNIVERSITY

Students comply with dictatorship

Pride and tension reverberated off the four walls of the Missouri Western Fieldhouse Saturday as the Bearcats once again faced the Griffons. Crowd participation and fan support for Northwest was phenomenal. Northwest fans of all ages stood together to support their team — except for the upper echelon of our administration. Instead, they glumly sat esconced in their private corner of the gymnasium bleachers, segregating themselves and looking down their noses at the student population.

Two weeks ago, Northwest faced the Griffons at Bearcat Arena in a game that determined the conference championship. Northwest students showed up in droves, only to be turned away at the door. They were told there was not enough room.

For the fans fortunate enough to be able to watch the game, it was a different story. Members of our administration patrolled the sidelines like an elementary school cafeteria monitor. Not too loud. No



yelling. No shouting. No negative language or actions. No overzealous behavior, even for your own team. No running. No talking. Calmly walk to your seat, watch the game quietly and, win or lose, leave in a peaceful manner. Ask no questions of your peers or supervisors. Maintain order at all times. Speak only when spoken to.

And the students complied.

What will it take to unite the students of Northwest to take action against the double standard that has been set for them? Even at a sporting event, students are not allowed the same benefits and opportunities as members of the community or visitors to our campus. Students are herded like cattle from one location to another, swiftly and efficiently corralled and admonished to behave.

Administrators meticulously walk the sidelines to assure that problems do not arise. Students are forced to ask for a hall pass to

even buy popcorn.

The basketball team is having an amazing season. They will compete in the NCAA tournament tonight and last week finished second to Missouri Western in the MIAA postseason tournament. Yet students — the greatest supporters of Northwest athletics — are not allowed to attend the games and are not allowed to vocally support their teams.

Is there any reason Bearcat Arena cannot be so full of fans, both for Northwest and our opponent, that it reaches maximum capacity? The stadium should be so loud that fans can still hear echoes of a Bearcat victory as the leave.

Administrators must decide what is important: forcing students to raise their hand to leave their seats at a basketball game, or allowing them to take pride in their school and to cheer their peers on to a well-deserved victory.

My Turn

University needs to open its eyes, make changes



■ Nicole Fuller

A spoonful of sugar may help the medicine go down but a whole bag of sugar will not coat the problem.

Northwest has several problems that it needs to stop trying to sugarcoat. The University needs to look at its problems head on and realize it is not perfect.

We have so much time to waste that Campus Safety sits outside Franken Hall at 2 a.m. watching the 15-minute parking zone just to give a car a ticket for being there longer than the posted time.

Instead, perhaps Campus Safety should be worried about the arising drug problem on campus. Campus Safety should also try to catch whoever seems to be pulling all the fire alarms in the residence halls instead trying to meet

their ticket quota, especially at 2 a.m.

Maybe I just need to point the problems out and they will get fixed. Shortly after the *Missourian* ran a feature on safety, I noticed lights began to appear on campus in areas identified as unsafe. Does the student newspaper need to mention the problems before the University can figure them out?

The campus needs to address whether we are a high school or a college. Last time I checked, we were a university.

I have noticed at basketball games how students are patrolled by the administration. Their actions and behaviors seem to be monitored.

This does not allow students basic freedom. At other college basketball

games, I have watched students go crazy. They yell, cheer and get all fired up. I see students without shirts having words painted across their chests. If a student tried that here they would either be asked to put their shirt back on or to leave.

We aren't in high school; we should be allowed liberties and rights. Oh, I forgot, this campus has a tendency to overstep people's First Amendment rights, but that's a different story.

The University needs to stop hiding problems and face up to them. Maybe once we solve these problems we can move on and say we are a "quality" campus.

Nicole Fuller is the assignment director for the Northwest Missourian.

Simple solution to worldwide, local problems — El Niño



■ Colin McDonough

There have been quite a few odd occurrences happening over the past months. After pondering about them for awhile, I have found a reason for them.

First, let's start off with the president of the United States and his alleged affair with the former intern Monica Lewinsky. Although Mr. Clinton has had problems in the past, this seems to be his biggest nemesis and here's my explanation for it — El Niño.

Then we had John Elway actually win a Super Bowl. This guy failed in three previous attempts and finally earned his ring. The only difference is that this time there was El Niño.

What about the Student Senate First Amendment issue? We have never had any problems with the First Amendment

before, so why not blame it on El Niño? The Stroller has really struggled this year as well. I do not know about the four years before my time, but the only reason I can come up with as to why the Stroller is slumping — El Niño.

And for you Seinfeld watchers out there. There is one explanation for the fact that it is going off the air — El Niño.

Many are asking why "Dawson's Creek" is such a big hit. There is an easy answer — El Niño.

For the golf addicts out there searching for answers as to why this Casey Martin incident occurred. I have the solution — El Niño.

Some may ask why has there been such a rash of car break-ins in Maryville. It's simple — El Niño.

As for Missouri Western knocking off the 'Cats in the MIAA basketball postseason tournament championship, even though we are Bearcats, we are no match for El Niño.

Colden Hall was finally finished, and I know why it took so long. They were waiting until El Niño actually struck to see if it could stand up to its forces.

Now, we can just sit back and wait to see when El Niño will strike again. Hopefully nothing out of the ordinary will occur. But if it does, people should be prepared.

El Niño has already done some tremendous damage — so look out. It could strike at any moment.

Colin McDonough is the managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Correction

In the Feb. 19 issue of the Northwest Missourian, Frank Baudino was misquoted in the It's Your Turn section on page 2. The Missourian regrets this error.

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Committee to draft Creed

■ **Great Expectations** provides participants opportunity to address issues regarding quality

by **Toru Yamauchi**
Chief Reporter

Improving the quality of the University was the goal of more than 100 students, faculty, administrators and support staff last Thursday.

Great Expectations: Quality Classroom Day '98 provided the opportunity to improve and develop a Student Creed.

The Student Creed Committee, comprised of 14 students, will make the draft of the Creed by early May based on information from the discussion. The Board of Regents will vote on whether or not to approve it at its meeting in June.

If the Board passes the draft, the Creed will be included in the Student Handbook in the fall. It will be used as a guide for students.

"(Creating a draft of the creed) is a challenge," said Kent Porterfield, vice president for Student Affairs and faculty advisory committee member for the Student Creed. "But at the same time, we have enough consistency in the course we have. So, I think we are going to come up with a pretty good draft of the creed."

The Quality Classroom Day was broken into four student groups, a faculty group and an administrator group after the opening session. Each group discussed areas such as expectations in the classroom, extra-curricular activities and the University's environment.

Many concerns from the students, faculty and administration were presented at the closing session.

They found differences and simi-



Robert Aschertrop, one of 14 members of the Student Creed Committee, speaks with a group of students Thursday at the "Great Expectations: Quality Classroom Day '98." Nearly 100 students, faculty, administrators and support staff attended the meeting and helped develop a Student Creed.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

larities in the expectations of each position. Some students said they want professors to understand they have other courses. They said professors should not expect students to do too many assignments in a short time. However, faculty members said they expect students to keep studying.

Minority voices were also presented at the session.

International students voiced their concerns created from the differences in cultures and circumstances. Angel Harris-Lewis, Student Senate president and Student Creed Committee member, was pleased about the outcome of the event.

"I think it was very beneficial," Harris-Lewis said. "While we were reaching the accomplishment, we

were having a lot of fun at the same time.

It was extremely interactive and cooperative in terms of having faculty, administrators and students all working together."

Harris-Lewis said although the number of participants were fewer than she hoped, attendants were from a wide variety of groups.

Board of Regents elects new consortium leader

by **Stephanie Zellstra**
Assistant News Editor

The position for a new executive director of the Northwest Missouri Education Consortium was approved by the Board of Regents Friday.

Frank Veeman, who is currently the dean of instruction at North Central Missouri College in Trenton, has been hired. His experience and involvement with the consortium among other reasons, qualified him for the job. He serves on the consortium board and is currently the chairman.

The consortium deals with the operating and financing, along with regulating class offerings within the consortium. The consortium is responsible for a number of programs. One of which includes learning via satellite for students at NCMC.

Bob Bush, director of healthy community initiatives, was the interim executive director of the consortium and said the job really entails working with the other schools in the consortium and mainly distance learning.

Other colleges and universities involved are Missouri Western State College and the University of Missouri-Columbia and several vocational and technical schools.

Because of programs and activities that Veeman has been involved in, Bush believes that he is the perfect match for the position.

"He is really a tremendous person, hard-working and can really think through the academic needs of the students," Bush said. "We are very excited to have him on board. He really has a level of trust with the schools that he will be working with and that is valuable, especially in this position."

Veeman also looks forward to beginning work with the consortium in

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■ **Bob Bush**
director of healthy community initiatives

this capacity. He also believes this a great opportunity to work with distance learning and the technical schools who will be able to offer more classes through distance learning and the other larger universities.

"I am very anxious to begin working at Northwest," Veeman said. "I really see a mushrooming effect with distance learning because of the increase in technology and what we are able to do. And the fact that I am involved with it is very exciting."

The date he will begin is not known, although there are meetings planned to finalize those details.

Bush, who began his position in January, said he is very excited about it.

The initiative works with communities in the region to provide more educational opportunities for the non-traditional students.

It also works on diversity by developing younger leaders in the community and having them work with the older members of the community. He said he will more than likely be working with Veeman on several projects.

"It's not a job for me, it's a life," Bush said.

In Brief

ISO dinner, show provides culture

The International Student Organization is sponsoring its 18th annual International Dinner and Cultural Show at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Conference Center.

In addition to food from many different countries, performances from eight groups representing such countries as Japan, China, Turkey and Mexico will be given.

Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Services desk on the first floor of the Administration Building.

'Cat Walk promotes healthy life-styles

The fifth annual 'Cat Walk, sponsored by the University's Be Well Committee, will take place at 9 a.m., Saturday, in Bearcat Arena.

The walk will last approximately 45 minutes, and there will be a drawing afterward for prizes which include weights, a walkman and other fitness items.

Preregistration forms are available at the front desk of the residence halls, the main desk in the Union, the Student Services desk, the Public Relations office in the Administration Building and the Environmental Services main office.

Return completed forms to the Public Relations Office on the second floor of the Ad Building. Preregistration is not required.

For more information, contact Teresa Carter at 562-1580.

Senate sponsors Tower Awards, trip

Student Senate is sponsoring the annual Tower Service Awards and a Legislative Reception Wednesday, March 11.

Tower Service Awards honor students, faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for Northwest.

Nominations are accepted until March 17. Those eligible to be nominated for a Tower Service Award include juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty, staff, administration and support staff.

To nominate someone, pick up an application at the Student Senate Office. For more information contact Charice Douthat at 562-1218.

The Legislative Reception will take place in Jefferson City. Anyone interested must attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 in University Club North.

Team wins state; preps for Nationals

The Forensics team won bragging rights by winning the state team title for the second time in three years.

Northwest beat out virtually every school in Missouri to claim the crown Feb. 15 at Longview College in Kansas City.

Five Northwest team members have already qualified for the National Tournament in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Those members include, Justin Burton, Annie Chromy, Pat Johnson, Angela McMahon and Casy Wikstrom.

Residential Life leader moves on

By **Burton Taylor**
Chief Reporter

A contributor to the well-being of Northwest has packed his bags and continued on his trek of life, leaving behind his students, co-workers and friends.

Wayne Viner, residential life coordinator, has moved to Omaha, Neb. to work for Bingo King as a financial consultant. Viner's wife recently graduated from Northwest and received a job in Omaha causing both of them to relocate.

Viner worked for Northwest for 12 years and said leaving the campus is difficult.

With both of them having new jobs, Viner said they plan on planting their roots in Nebraska.

"I think we will make (Omaha) our home," Viner said. "But I will miss the people and students at Northwest."

Viner has noticed a lot of changes while at Northwest. He said being a part of those improvements was important to him and is glad he could help.

"I think that Northwest has made a giant leap and the school has really progressed over the years," Viner said.

Viner believes it is his time to leave the school and move on to other challenges. But he said there are qualities he developed at Northwest that he will carry with him.

Northwest has always seemed to excel in unity, Viner said.

"All of the students that come to Northwest have many ways that they can help others learn and have a lot they can teach one another," Viner said. "Which was one of the most rewarding things about working there."

Another reward Viner received while working at the University is experience.

"My position at Northwest helped me develop managing skills," Viner said. "I think that



Darren Papek/Photography Director

Wayne Viner gives his final speech thanking those who supported him during his time spent working at Northwest. Viner accepted numerous awards and good-byes Friday, Feb. 27, during his farewell reception. Viner was the Residential Life Coordinator.

the contact I had with others really enriched my life."

Viner will be missed by many, but all of his co-workers think he will be able to succeed in whatever he does.

"He is a very good person to work with and is very easygoing," Mary Jane Miller, residential life secretary, said.

Viner's job will be filled next fall by Mark Hetzler. Leaving on such short notice, left some unfinished business that Hetzler will be responsible for completing. The renovations to South Complex and the high rises are immediate as-

signments he has been assigned. The new room assignments are also a task being taken over by Hetzler.

Viner and Hetzler worked together for six years not only as colleagues but friends. Saying good-bye to Viner was not the easiest thing to do, Hetzler said.

"It is always hard (to say good-bye), and I learned a lot from Wayne," Hetzler said. "The most important thing is to be a student advocate which is something Wayne believed in."

Hetzler said Viner was an asset to the community and his presence will be missed.

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Little Miss Northwest, Miss Northwest, Miss Maryville

Pageant crowns trio

by Angela Patton
Missourian Staff

Music, dancing and bright lights filled the Charles Johnson Theater as pageant contestants competed for three different crowns.

Miss Northwest, Miss Maryville and Little Miss Northwest were crowned Saturday night in front of approximately 325 people.

Whitney Piper Wallace, daughter of Rex and Tracey Wallace, was crowned Little Miss Northwest 1998 by Taylor Wilmes, Little Miss Northwest 1997.

"When I heard my name called, I just got tears," Whitney said.

Shelly Johnson was crowned Miss Northwest and Carrie Odom was selected as Miss Maryville.

The 11th annual Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville scholarship pageant was sponsored by the Maryville Jaycees in conjunction with the ninth annual Little Miss Pageant. Two contestants, Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville, will go to the Miss Missouri Pageant during the first week of June in Mexico.

The competition actually began for the 10 Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville and 10 Little Miss Northwest contestants when they were interviewed by a panel of judges Saturday morning.

"We're going to just talk and have fun," Wallace said.

The Little Miss contestants must be 5 to 7 years old and live in Nodaway County. All but one of this year's participants was from Maryville.

"These are all girls they know, and they're having a ball," said Tracey

Wallace, mother of two Little Miss contestants, Whitney and Jordan Wallace. "As long as (contestants and their parents) go at it with the right attitude, and it's just for fun, then there's no problem."

The girls were judged on their five-minute interview Saturday morning, as well as an onstage interview with the emcee, poise, dress and ticket sales for the pageant. Money generated from ticket sales pays rental fees and funds scholarships.

During their onstage competition, they were asked a few questions such as what they want to be when they grow up. Answers ranged from being a teacher to a dolphin trainer.

"If you get up in front of a crowd and talk, you deserve to win," said Kay Owens, director of the Little Miss Pageant for the past eight years.

For this reason, a crown and sash was given to each girl.

Darbi Ellen Fuhman, daughter of Cammi and Rob Zimmerman and Tim Fuhman, was selected as first runner-up. Katherine Grace Kelly, daughter of Brett and Nancy Kelly, was the second runner-up.

The first and second runners-up were awarded a trophy and a second sash.

Whitney received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and a second crown and sash. She will also make appearances in the Northwest Homecoming, Nodaway County Fair and Apple Blossom parades.

Tracey's proudest moment was when she heard her daughters speaking in front of the audience.

"I think it's really neat they have enough confidence to get up there and do this," Tracey said.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville contestants competed in three events: swimwear, talent and evening wear.

Laura Lea, Lexington, was chosen as first runner-up and Regan Bramblett, Hannibal, as second runner-up.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville 1998 grew up together in Trenton. Johnson is a junior at Northwest majoring in elementary education.

"(Pageants) have given me a chance to sing onstage and have helped with my communication skills and self-esteem," Johnson said.

Odom is a sophomore at the University of Missouri-Columbia nursing school.

"Pageants have increased my interview skills," Odom said.

They have also helped her to become comfortable in front of a group of people, she said.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville each received a \$500 scholarship, an additional \$500 scholarship to Northwest or Missouri Western State College plus a \$100 scholarship from David and Alana Boyles, Maryville, if they choose to attend Northwest.

First runner-up received a \$300 scholarship and second runner-up a \$200 scholarship.

The Neta Derry Scholarship Award of \$250 for top interview went to Carrie Odom.

The Talent Award, a \$50 scholarship, was awarded at the reception to Lisa Sims, a Northwest student.

A reception at A & G's Restaurant Bar & Grill in Maryville followed the pageant.



Whitney Piper Wallace smiles for the crowd after being crowned Little Miss Northwest 1998 at the 11th annual pageant Saturday. Wallace is the daughter of Rex and Tracey Wallace of Maryville.

Library acquires technology

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Public Library entered the age of technology by making the Internet available last month.

The library received a grant for the hookup in last June from the Missouri State Library. It involves direct Internet access through the MOREnet office in Columbia.

"When I wrote the grant, I mentioned that there were people traveling through town who inquired about the Internet," library director Diane Houston said. "About a year and a half ago, there was a gentleman traveling, and he just happened to call us a few days ago to ask if we got Internet hookup yet. He was the first person to use the computer which was really neat for us."

The library has four computers networked to two printers, one of which is wheelchair accessible.

To ensure the computers are not tied up, each person must sign a policy which includes a promise not to play games or use e-mail. Additionally, people under 18 years old must have a parental signature before using the computers.

"This is the best source of reference that is available right now," Houston said. "What we are asking people to do is to use it for that."

A group called Internet Masters is available to help people learn how to use the Internet. Houston said the library will also offer classes.

The library received two additional grants for four more new computers, which will be used as online card catalogs.

Hospital renovations bring new families together

St. Francis obstetrics undergoes renovations; parents, infants connect

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

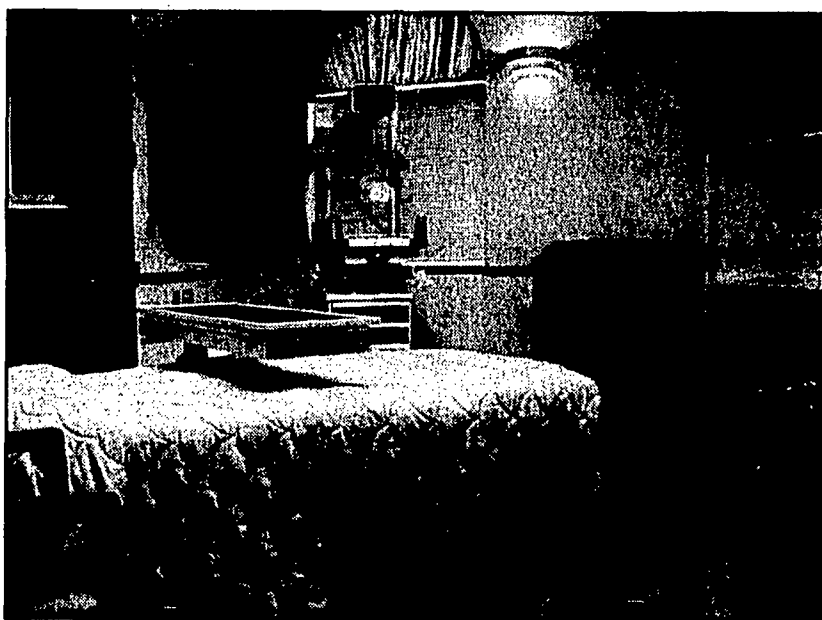
New mothers are enjoying their stay at St. Francis Hospital a lot more these days.

This is mainly because of renovations in the obstetrics unit completed last September. They include three labor delivery recovery rooms and five postpartum beds. The new setup allows the baby to stay in the mother's room.

"With the rooming (together) and getting to know the noises that the baby makes — knowing that they don't have to jump up every time they make certain noises — the mothers get more comfortable," said Kathy Brand, registered nurse and obstetric department nurse manager.

It may be difficult to tell that it is actually a hospital room once inside a postpartum room. Each room was designed to look more like a regular bedroom.

The motif includes a recliner, plants, a pastel-patterned bedspread



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

The obstetrics unit at St. Francis Hospital underwent renovations in last September. The changes make hospital rooms seem more like home and allow new parents to stay close to their newborns.

and wooden cabinets to hide electronic monitors and anything else that resembles medical supplies.

Stephanie Williams delivered her daughter Emily Rachelle Jan. 27 by

Caesarean section. She stayed in her room for four days.

"I thought it was real homey, and it made me feel more relaxed since it was my first baby," Williams said. "It

was really nice because they allowed my husband to also stay in the room with me."

The postpartum rooms are private rooms with private baths, with the exception of one double room that shares a bathroom.

"I think it gives them that chance for more privacy, without other families coming in or other patients," Brand said. "After the babies are born, they can have as many visitors as they want."

Another new arrival is the "We'll Come Visit" program.

Through the program, Karen Scholz, a postnatal RN, visits new mothers in their homes within 72 hours of being discharged from the hospital.

During the visit, which typically lasts one and a half to two hours, Scholz gives the baby a complete checkup, reviews breast-feeding with the mother and provides pamphlets regarding issues such as home safety.

"It was nice that she came to the house because mothers who have (Caesarean) sections can't drive for two weeks," Williams said. "She did a very thorough exam on Emily, and she brought a lot of information."

Treatment Center enters Phase Two of construction

by Steven Melling
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Treatment Center will be fully renovated by May 18.

The correctional facility is in Phase Two of construction which is estimated to cost \$4.1 million. Phase Two is part of the original plan and funding was appropriated by the general assembly for the state in 1995.

The expansion of bed space will be included. Two hundred new beds will be added to increase the total number to 525.

Other changes that will be made to the facility are the addition of classrooms for education and treatment as well as additional administrative space.

Along with the renovations will come the need for more employees. Facility Superintendent Bill Burgess said they currently have 213 employees including contract staff. Seventy-nine new employees will be added to fill one type of job.

"It's anticipated that 42 of those positions will be corrections officer I," Burgess said.

Corrections officer 1 is the position where all facility officers begin.

A job fair was held at the Northwest Conference Center to recruit new officers.

The remaining new jobs will be in a variety of fields ranging from food service to a librarian.

When the treatment center opened in December 1996, it had been a convent and school. Burgess described the conversion into the treatment center as "retrofitting."

"That's taking an existing facility and making it suitable for another purpose," Burgess said. "For us, it's taking (what was) at one time a convent and a school and retrofitting it so it could serve as a minimum security correctional treatment facility."

Phase One was the \$7 million conversion of the Mt. Alverno Academy and Housing into the center.

Burgess said the facility will be completed with Phase Two.

The Phase Two expansions were designed by Abend Singleton Associates, Inc. of Kansas City, Mo. Division Design Construction is doing the local construction.

Court Watch

■ Becky Busboom pled guilty to one count felony passing bad checks and one count misdemeanor passing bad checks. On the one count felony, the court suspended sentence and placed Busboom on probation for a period of four years. On the one count misdemeanor, Judge Andrews sentenced her to 60 days in jail, suspended with two years probation. Conditions include restitution on all checks by March 23 and check management program by May 23.

■ Samuel R. Morrison pled guilty to one count felony forgery and one count of felony stealing by deceit. He was sentenced to five years in prison to run consecutively with any other sentences. He was sent to the Department of Corrections to serve his sentence.

■ Bradley Gaskal pled guilty to one count felony sale of marijuana. He was sentenced to five years in prison to run consecutive with other sentences and was sent to the Department of Corrections.

■ Christopher Proffitt pled guilty to three counts felony sale of methamphetamines, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one count of possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute. The court ordered a presentence investigation and set sentencing for April 13.

■ Joshua Moses pled guilty to possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute. The court ordered a presentence investigation.

In Brief

Basketball player shares inspiration

Motivational speaker and former professional basketball player Archie Talley will share his message today with middle school and high school students.

Talley will speak at 8:15 a.m. at Washington Middle School and 10:40 a.m. at Maryville High School. The event is open to all students grades 6-12.

After being born and raised in Washington, D.C., Talley traveled to a small town in West Virginia to pursue his college basketball dreams. Talley has collected a lifetime of experience to share through the challenges he faced during his youth and the greatness he achieved throughout his basketball career.

Talley was the Associated Press College Division "Basketball Player of the Year" in 1976.

He also became the leading college basketball scorer in the nation,

averaging 41.1 points per game.

He played with the Harlem Globetrotters and the New Jersey Nets. Talley scored 116 points in a single game in Germany in 1978.

Talley has been a nationally renowned motivational speaker since 1984 at schools, events, civic and professional organizations.

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Public Safety

February 24

■ Vicki R. Egeland, Maryville, was northbound on Munn Street, while Virgil R. Albertini was southbound on Munn Street. Both signalled to turn left onto Third Street and both started to turn. Egeland continued straight striking Albertini. No citations were issued.

February 25

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, a summons was issued to Jason T. Growcock, 25, Maryville, for not having the under 19 ordinance posted.

■ An officer observed Terry L. Steinman, 42, Maryville, urinating in the 200 block of East Third Street. He was issued a summons for indecent exposure.

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, an officer asked Jason R. Pennington for identification but he did not have it with him. Pennington said he was 21 but when he was asked his date of birth he said he was only 20. Pennington was issued a summons for giving false information to an officer.

February 26

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, a summons was issued to Phillip M. Lano, 25, Maryville, for not having the under 19 ordinance posted. A summons was

also issued to William S. Ross, 20, Maryville, for possession of an alcoholic beverage.

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of North Main Street, an officer observed a vehicle driving in the parking lanes then swerve back into traffic, crossing the centerline. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Donald C. Smith, 21, Maryville, and an odor of intoxicants was detected. Smith was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not complete successfully. He was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 27

■ An officer observed Jason D. Tomlinson, 19, Maryville, carrying a temporary stop sign and went inside a residence in the 400 block of North Mulberry Street. Tomlinson was issued a summons for larceny and was released after posting bond.

■ Adam R. Chadwick and Jason W. Bradshaw, both of Maryville, were both traveling north on Main Street. Bradshaw stopped in traffic and Chadwick struck his vehicle in the rear. A citation was issued to Chadwick for careless and imprudent driving.

February 28

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West Second Street, an officer observed a male subject carrying a can

and then observed him setting the can down. He was identified as Jason E. Taylor, 18, Maryville. After it was determined the can contained an alcoholic beverage, he was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer observed a vehicle off the roadway in the 700 block of West South Avenue and the driver was not present at the scene. Contact was later made with the driver, Christopher Norman, 19, Maryville, who said he had swerved to miss an animal and left the roadway. He was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment in the 300 block of North Market Street, an officer observed a female subject holding a plastic cup. When she saw the officer, she set the cup down. She was identified as Amy D. Utech, 19, Maryville. After it was determined the cup contained an alcoholic beverage, she was issued a summons for minor in possession.

March 2

■ Megan R. Marino, Maryville, was traveling east on Ninth Street. She pulled into the path of Jaime L. Crink, Maryville, who was southbound on Walnut Street. Marino was issued a citation for failure to yield.

March 3

■ Wanda L. Vinzant, Maryville, was stopped in traffic on East Water Street when she was struck from behind by Marvin L. Wiley. Wiley was issued a citation for failure to maintain highest degree of care.

Obituaries

Donald Sims

Donald Dean Sims, 58, Maryville, died Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Nov. 20, 1939, to Elmer and Zella Sims in Grand Junction, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife, Elinor; two daughters, Letitia Ireland and Stephanie Swink; one son, Raymond Sims; his mother; two brothers; four sisters; four grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 21 at the Grand Junction First Presbyterian Church in Grand Junction, Iowa.

Sylvia Glass

Sylvia Glass, 78, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Oct. 2, 1919, to Henry and Elizabeth Turner in Barnesboro, Pa.

Survivors include her husband, Harry; one daughter, Carol King; one brother; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 23 at the First Baptist Church in Maryville.

Lola Houston

Lola Marie Houston, 88, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born July 11, 1909, to Earl and Mary Huey in Maryville.

Survivors include four sisters and four brothers.

Services were Feb. 23 at the Swanson-Price Funeral Home Chapel in Hopkins.

Madeline Herrington

Madeline West Herrington, 78, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born June 22, 1919, to Marion and Hazel Fine.

Survivors include her husband, Everett; three sons, Lowell West, Gerald West and Rick West; one daughter, Sharon Robison; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 22 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Wilma Corsuch

Wilma Schneider Corsuch, 77, Barnard, died Feb. 22 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born May 13, 1920, to Claude and Nora Davidson.

Survivors include one son, John Schneider; three daughters, Nancy Redmond, Rena Puckett and Sandra Murphy; two brothers; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 25 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Irene Powell

Irene M. Powell, 84, Maryville, died Feb. 25 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born May 18, 1913, to Payton and Ida Matthews in Kyla, Mont.

Survivors include two sons, Richard and Robert Pope; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 28 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Lois Lewellen

Lois Margaret Lewellen, 82, Maryville, died Feb. 28 at her home.

She was born June 23, 1915, to Arthur and Alma Hunt near Ravenwood.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Atkins; one brother; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were March 3 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

New Arrivals

Joseph Thomas McClurg

Donald and Melanie McClurg, Maryville, are the parents of Joseph Thomas, born Feb. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Bernard and Margaret Frueh, Maryville, and Gerald and Kae McClurg, Nelson.

Josie SueAnn Patton

Jeff and Melinda Patton, Maryville, are the parents of Josie SueAnn, born Feb. 23 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Grandparents are Jim and Sue Dodge, North Bend, Neb., and Bill and Monica Patton, Ravenwood.

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Women win MIAA track championship

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Showing the true measure of a champion — that's what the men's and women's indoor track teams did at the MIAA conference championship, Sunday and Monday in Warrensburg.

The women won their fifth-consecutive conference championship and repeated as MIAA indoor champions. The indoor championship is the second jewel on the team's way to another triple crown performance.

The team left the competition in the dust, picking up 134 points. The nearest competitor was Emporia State at 95, living up to their first-place ranking in the pre-meet poll.

Junior Brandy Haan placed first and broke the school record in the 55-meter dash again this week (7.06 seconds), just one hundredth of a second off the automatic qualification mark. Haan also broke the school record in the 200-meter dash (24.8), winning that event as well.

Haan led the team along with senior Julie Humphreys, junior Lindsey Borgstadt and senior Jacshelle Sasser.

Humphreys finished first in the weight throw with a toss of 55-8 1/2, breaking the school, conference and building record, and third in the shot put (44 3/4).

Sasser's jump of 5-6 1/2 won the high jump, while a leap of 38-4 1/2 placed her second in the triple jump.

Borgstadt scored for the 'Cats placing second in both the 3,000 and 5,000-meter run, provisionally qualifying in the 5,000 (18:06.03).

Junior Elisa Koch broke the school record in the 600-yard run (1:28.07), which was good enough to place her fourth in the event.

The women placed in 13 of the 16 events, and had 22 personal bests — 20 of which came from running events.

"We scored points in things we didn't last year," head coach Vicki Wooton said. "We are very pleased with the women's performances. They had an exceptionally fine meet."

Winning the championship was not easy for the women, although they led in points from the beginning of the meet.

"It was fun and exciting winning," Wooton said. "We knew we could do it. The women really supported each other. The team concept will win championships but individual stars won't — this was a total team effort."

The 'Cats also impressed coach Bud Williams by showing they really deserved the championship.

"The women ran, jumped and threw like true champions," Williams



Wendy Broker/University Sports Editor
Women's track coaches Bud Williams and Vicki Wooton show off the MIAA championship trophy the team won in Warrensburg.

said. "They should be proud and enjoy their successes so far this year, as we prepare for nationals and look forward to the outdoor season."

Nine of the women will try to improve times and distances along with national ranking this weekend at the NCAA qualifying meet in Ames, Iowa.

Men place fifth at conference meet

The men's team improved individually and overall by bringing

home 18 personal bests out of 27.

They scored in all but five events and received fifth place Sunday and Monday in the MIAA conference championship. They placed four points behind fourth place Truman State University.

Senior Jon McAfee and junior Corey Parks were top finishers for the Bearcats placing second in the pole vault (14-11) and 3,000-meter run (8:46.75) respectively.

Juniors Jason Yoo and Robby

Lane along with sophomore Matt Abele placed third for the team in the 600-yard run (1:13.31), 3,000-meter run (8:47.29) and 200-meter dash (22.52) respectively. The 4x800 relay team of Yoo, Parks and freshmen Mike Ostreko and Clay Cox also placed third.

There were high points at the conference meet despite the fifth-place finish, head coach Rich Alsup said.

"If we look at the fact that we had lots of pr's (personal records), we can pull something positive out of it," Alsup said. "We were just not good enough on that given day to be fourth. We've got to move on. Yes, we are disappointed we didn't finish as high as we would like, but that's not on anybody's shoulders."

Although the men performed well, there were some disappointments.

The 'Cats also suffered an injury which could put one of the men out for anywhere between six weeks and the entire outdoor track season. Junior Don Ferree fractured his foot during the 5,000-meter run.

"We just have to get with it, build it up and do a little better in the outdoor season," Alsup said. "The team is pretty positive as we look ahead."

Five of the 'Cats hope to better times and distances going into the national meet at the NCAA Qualifier this weekend in Ames, Iowa.

Soccer club seeks players, sponsors clinic

by Debbie Lollmann
Missourian Staff

The Northwest women's soccer club is looking for a few good women to complete its team.

With the loss of four players from last season, the club has goals of rebuilding and focusing on a new season.

Spring practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the band practice field, located between the baseball diamond and the tennis courts.

Practices will increase to three times a week in the fall, with games on the weekends.

Their only tournament in the spring will be April 18 and 19 at Central Missouri State University in an indoor facility. Other teams competing in the tournament are Southwest Baptist University, Missouri Southern State College and Central Missouri State University.

Anyone with the will to play soccer can join. This spring is considered the off season and is a good time to introduce and condition new players. It is also important because in the fall there will be little time to practice before games begin.

"This is a serious team, and we play and practice seriously as well," head coach Greg Roper said. "But we also like to have fun."

Officers for the club are: Jessica Courtney, president; Katy Adams, vice president; Andrea Sacco, publicity officer; Karin Yarnell, secretary; and Natalie Shepard, treasurer.

Sacco, who is a junior, has been playing soccer since she was in kindergarten and has the experience needed to lead her teammates. She is also one of the founding members of the club, which began playing competitively last fall.

The team will be sponsoring a soccer clinic for the Athletic Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The clinic will be for area children ages 6 to 14. About 60 youths have already signed up for the clinic.

Those who attend the clinic will receive a free ball and three hours of working out with the soccer club. The fee is \$15 per child and includes the ball.

Soccer is not a very expensive sport, but the team still needs funds for traveling, equipment and uniforms.

The clinic will not only raise money for expenses, but help out young athletes, as well.

"What is most important about the clinic is making ties with the community and helping out the youth soccer program," Roper said.

The women's fall schedule includes games at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and at Missouri Southern. Home competition includes games against St. Mary's Leavenworth, William Jewell, Missouri Southern and Nebraska-Lincoln.

The club had a meeting last week to see who would be interested in joining the team. They are hoping for a good turnout of players. They also have high aspirations of becoming a varsity level team.

"The future of Northwest's women's soccer club becoming a varsity team looks promising," Sacco said. "Our inspiration comes from wanting to be out there playing and working towards being recognized as a varsity team."

To join the team, players must contact Roper at 562-1854, or e-mail him, at "roperg".

Roper also suggested that players need to get a physical and fill out insurance papers before practicing with the team.

'Cats playing Pittsburg State in Texas tourney shootout

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats will face Pittsburg State University in the first round of the NCAA Division II South Central regional tournament at 8 p.m. tonight in Canyon, Texas.

It will be the third time this season that the teams have played, with the 'Cats winning the first two.

Although Northwest has beat the Gorillas twice at home this season, they were both tough games, and the third shouldn't be disappointing, head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

"We know two things: we're playing a very tough team, but we also know we can beat them," he said.

Preparing for the first round game should be easier than a typical regional game, Tappmeyer said.

"It's a team we know," he said. "A lot of times you end up having to really search around at the last minute just to find out about your opponent. We're both going to know a lot about (each other) going into the game. It's a team we have beat, so we know we can beat them."

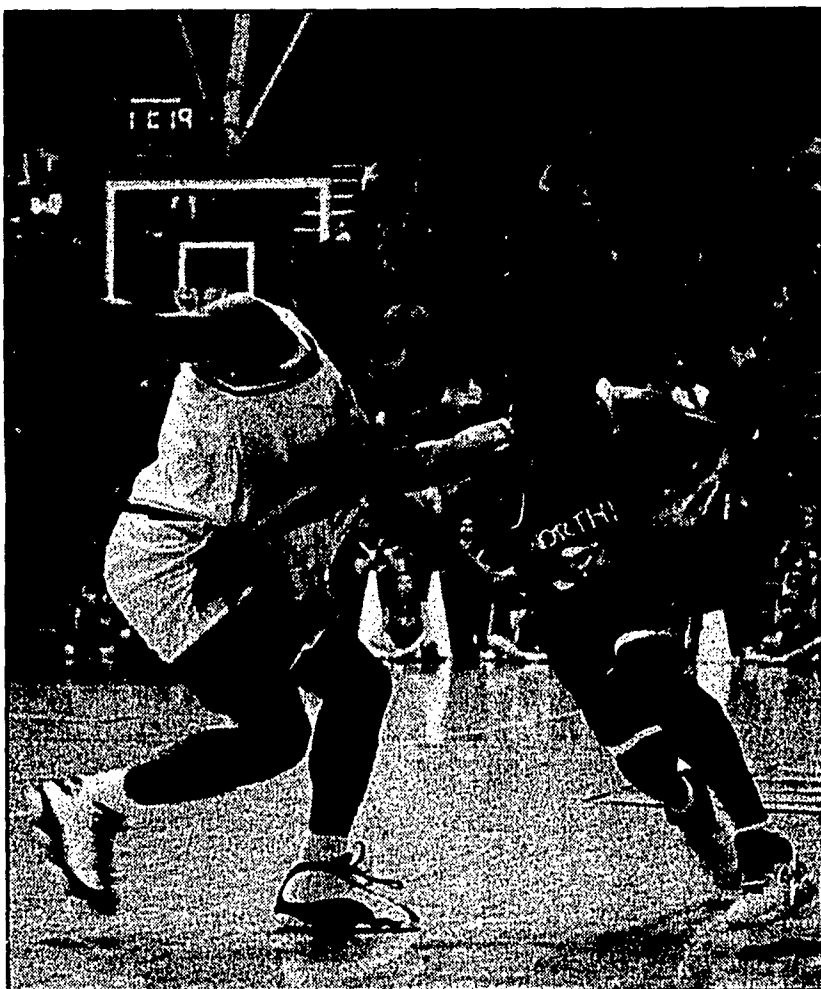
After Saturday's loss to Missouri Western State College, 65-52, the 'Cats fell to the fourth seed of the tournament after being No. 2 in regional rankings earlier this season.

"We pretty well knew when we didn't win at Western (Saturday) that we didn't have much of a chance at a one or two seed," Tappmeyer said.

The top two seeds are important because they will receive first-round byes. The winner of the game between Northwest and No. 5 Pitt. State game will play the No. 1 seed West Texas A&M University who is playing host to the tournament.

On the other side of the bracket, the Griffons rose to No. 2 seed after being ranked No. 7 in the regional rankings last week. They will play the winner of the No. 3 seeded University of Central Oklahoma and the No. 6 seeded Texas A & M Commerce.

The 'Cats have a chance to do something no Northwest basketball team has ever done — win a NCAA



Darren Papak/Photography Director
Senior guard Shakey Harrington tries to shake himself from Missouri Western State College's Jessie James.

Division II basketball game. The 'Cats are 0-6 in their three trips to the regional tournament including three consolation games.

Northwest attended the tournament last in 1989, Tappmeyer's first season at Northwest. They lost to Central Missouri State University, 78-74 and Angelo State, 89-80.

The 'Cats lost to Western for the second time at the MIAA conference tournament finals Saturday.

After beating the Griffons 65-57 (Jan. 28) in the first meeting, the 'Cats have been blown out twice, once at home and once Saturday.

After jumping out to a 14-12 lead, the 'Cats never led again. Northwest was unable to find their shot, shooting only 31.6 percent.

"Something that has been a problem has been getting to the free throw line — having a physical presence inside," Tappmeyer said. "When you don't get to the free throw line, you have to settle for jump shots, and you're going to have dry spells."

The 'Cats went on a seven-minute dry spell, starting with 1:37 left in the first half and lasted 5:19 minutes into the second half.

Bearcat baseball prepares despite inclement weather

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The baseball team started its season 0-3, but the biggest problem thus far has been the weather.

Northwest postponed its doubleheader against Washburn University Wednesday until noon March 12.

Last weekend's four-game series against the University of Nebraska-Omaha was also rescheduled. The doubleheader, which was slated for Saturday, will be played at 1 p.m. March 17 at Bearcat Field, while Sunday's contest was rescheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 20 in Omaha, Neb.

The weather has also affected the team's practices and has made the team angry, head coach Jim Johnson said.

The 'Cats practiced outside just two days before dropping three games, Feb. 20 and 21 at Abilene Christian, a team that had already played seven games.

"All those (games) make a difference," Johnson said. "We hadn't seen live pitching in a game since last October. That's a big transition for people to make. Unfortunately, we had to go to their homefield, without being outside very much. That really hurt."

Johnson, who has coached spring sports in the Midwest for about 30 years, said it's an adventure.

"There is never a surprise," Johnson said. "We know it's going to be hit and miss most of the time."

"It's just a disappointment when it's so hard to sustain any ground you've gained because you have to go outdoors and then you go indoors. You could be outdoors for a day and indoors for a week."

Although, the weather has slowed the team's practices, the 'Cats have many young players that may have productive seasons.

"We don't know what to ex-

pect yet," Johnson said. "We have a lot of new players. Some of them are young, so it's hard to determine. I think any time a guy puts on a Northwest Missouri State uniform, he has high expectations and we do as coaches."

The team believes it will improve its pitching from the 1996-97 season. The Bearcats also have more speed than they had last year, Johnson said.

"Things on paper look promising, but I don't have a crystal ball," Johnson said.

The team set a team hitting goal of about 3.10. At the same time, it wants to average about seven runs a game, and the team would like to have its pitching staff be under a 3.00 ERA.

"We want to be able to win the conference tournament, and then if we find ourselves in the top two in the conference, we should be getting a regional bid," Johnson said.

One of the Bearcats' top prospects is freshman Brad Nelson from Oak Park High School in Gladstone. He hit over .400 last fall and has started all three of the 'Cats games this season.

"He's playing a spotlight position at shortstop," Johnson said. "At the shortstop position, you're going to be getting a majority of the plays, so he has a lot of people watching him. He seems to respond to pressure well for a young guy."

Pitcher Mike Hollister returns this year for his final season on the mound.

Although he started his season with a loss at Abilene, he was probably the Bearcats' most outstanding pitcher last season, Johnson said.

Sophomores Doug Clark and Kyle Janssen add to the pitching rotation. Both lettered last season as freshmen.

"We're counting on them a great deal, even though they're young and returning," Johnson said.

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Dragons burn 'Hounds

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The fire that came from the Cameron Dragons was too much for Maryville last Thursday night, abruptly ending the 'Hounds' season.

After ending Cameron's season each of the last two years, the Spoofhounds found themselves on the losing side this time. Their season ended at 22-5 after suffering a 68-49 loss to the Dragons.

"Overall, the season went very well," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "Any time you have a team that wins 20 games in a high school basketball season, let alone 22, it's a big accomplishment."

Kuwitzky pointed out that the team this year was virtually the same group that went 20-8 last year.

"To win 20 games in back-to-back seasons is excellent," Kuwitzky said. "They won some real big games. They did an outstanding job."

Kuwitzky believes two returning starters will give the 'Hounds a good nucleus for next year.

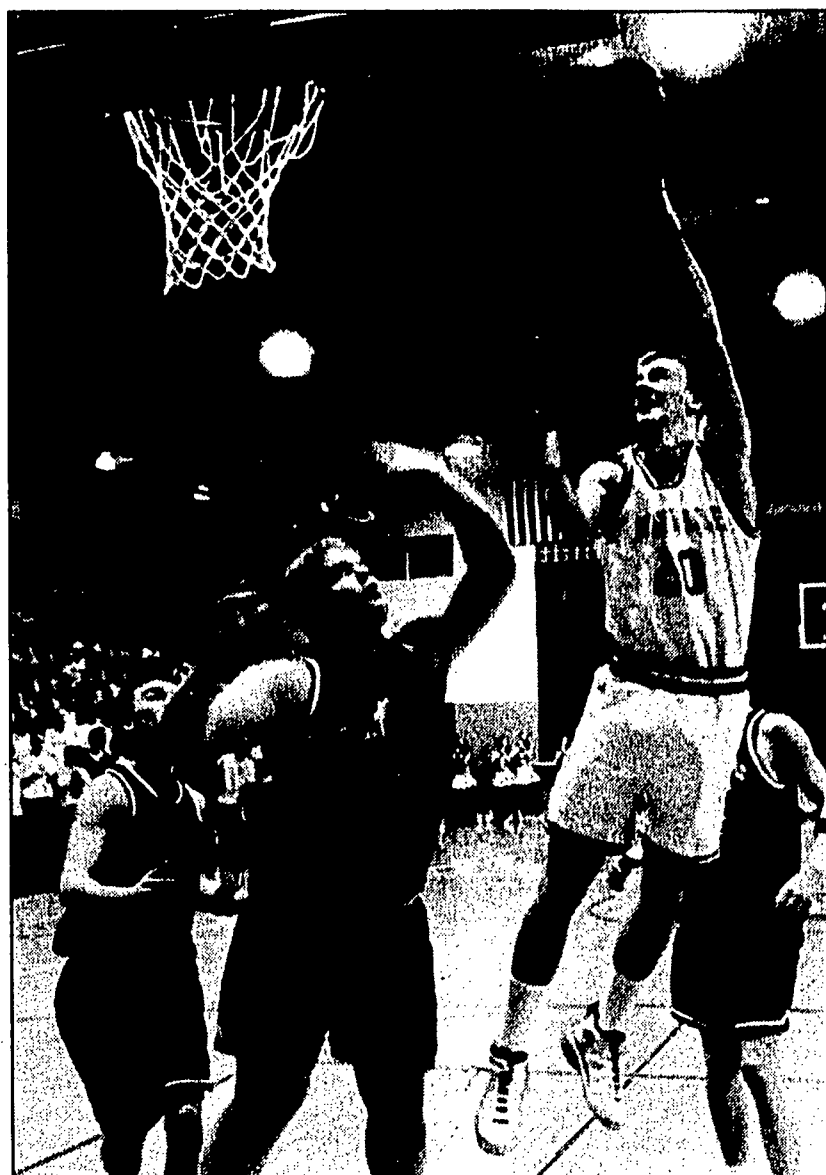
"We're losing a senior class that I was very close to, but now it's time to move on," Kuwitzky said.

After Cameron jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the game, the 'Hounds caught up and the two teams battled back and forth for the lead.

"They played really good," senior Tylor Hardy said. "They had some fire. We got behind and we just couldn't get it going."

Maryville trailed 29-20 at half, and Cameron continued to build its lead in the third quarter.

"I don't know what happened," Hardy said. "We just got anxious in the fourth quarter. We were jumpy."



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director
Maryville senior John Otte puts up the shot during the 'Hounds' 51-45 loss to Chillicothe earlier this season. The 'Hounds finished the year 22-5.

Player undeserving of criticism for breaking Connecticut record

Most athletes would tell you records do not mean much to them. They thrive on team success, rather than individual accomplishments.

If you believe in that theory, the Connecticut basketball team's 4-point overtime victory over Villanova last week should satisfy injured star Nykesha Sales.

And, at least for her, the Huskies' win was enough.

Sales ruptured her Achilles' tendon during Connecticut's win over Notre Dame one game earlier. Her season was over. She would finish her college career one point shy of the Huskies' all-time scoring title.

However, coach Geno Auriemma, wanted to give something back to the star player who had led his team to a 26-2 record at that point.



■ Scott Summers

With the permission of Villanova coach Harry Perretta, Auriemma put Sales in the starting lineup. The Wildcats let her score an uncontested layup, setting the new mark at 2,178 points.

After the basket, Connecticut called a timeout and removed Sales from the contest. In return for the record, the Huskies allowed the Wildcats an uncontested shot, tying the game, 2-2.

Did the Connecticut coach do the right thing by asking Villanova to let Sales break the record?

Auriemma rewarded Sales for her effort and heart during her Connecticut career, and there is nothing wrong with that.

Auriemma, not to mention Perretta and Villanova, did a classy thing by giving Sales the record she would have easily broken had she not been hurt.

It took courage for the two coaches to do what they did. They both understood some people would question their decision. They also knew how disappointing it would

have been for Sales to ride the bench the rest of the season while only one point from the scoring record. They decided the positives outweighed the negatives.

Many people may believe the record is tainted because of the way Sales scored her final two points. To a certain extent, this is true. I cannot argue with that.

What would have been more unfortunate is for Sales' name to be absent from the Huskies' record simply because an unfortunate injury caused her to finish one point short.

Sales did not ask to be inserted in the game so she could get the record. She is not selfish. Basketball is a team sport, and she understands that.

The coaches should not be criticized for allowing her the opportunity she deserved. Instead, they should be praised.

Sporting events these days rarely provide what Connecticut and Villanova did last week — heart.

Scott Summers is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Tigermania should end soon

Tiger Woods deserved to be honored as the 1997 PGA Tour Player of the Year last season, but will he have an impact this year?

I doubt it. Despite coming in a close second at the Nissan Open Sunday, Woods looks to be a bit rusty.

The 21-year-old long-ball hitter is



■ Burton Taylor

not getting it done as easily as he did last year, which is what I expected to happen.

Woods took home four victories last season. Other professional golfers could only sit back and watch him flaunt his driving ability.

Woods, your 15 minutes of fame are up kiddo, so take your Masters' jacket back home and practice putting. You need it.

Anyone who ever gets to watch him play will soon realize Woods is not all that great on the green. Sure, he can drive farther than most, but like my grandfather used to tell me — "drive for show, putt for dough."

Last season, most of the cameras were following the one-hit-wonder instead of others who deserved the spotlight.

Is Woods truly a master in the game of golf? He has the jacket, attitude and media coverage of a master, but does he have the consistency? He is old news, and I do not see him being successful in the future.

So Tiger fans, get ready to watch the future of golf take a drastic turn, and keep your eyes on Tommy Armour III. He is the new phenom.

Burton Taylor is a chief reporter for the Northwest Missourian.

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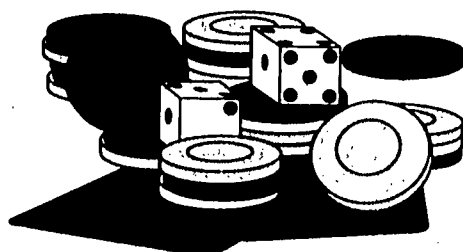
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Seniors make most of opportunities

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

They are two seniors striving for the same goal — to make it through regionals and keep this team together as long as they can.

Seniors Shakey Harrington and Brian Burleson have stuck together to form the glue that holds the 23-6 'Cats in place.

Both players, who say they are like brothers off the court, were a part of last year's woeful 11-16 season. Burleson was a junior in his first year at Northwest after transferring from Antelope Valley Community College in Antelope, Calif.

While Harrington only played in practice after transferring from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M., because of an ankle injury and the 'Cats already had a senior point guard.

"I told (Burleson) after the last game of last year, 'I promise next year's going to be a lot different,'" Harrington said. "We took it upon ourselves at the beginning of this year to step up and take responsibility to make sure everyone was on the same page."

The two stayed in close contact over the summer, to make sure when basketball season came around, everything was going to be ready.

"We would make sure everything was going to be great this year and make sure we stayed out of trouble," Burleson said. "Before we hung up the phone, it was always 'I love you man.'"

The love and leadership that the two bring to the team is something they both say was lacking last year.

"Last year, being the new guy, I didn't know how things worked, so I kind of sat back," Burleson said. "I don't think that was right. So this season, I wanted to make sure we had good leadership."

Harrington and Burleson set out to erase last year's troubles.

"Actually, I think we had more talent last year than we have this year, but we have a lot of guys who stick together and pull for each other and play tough defense," Harrington



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Shakey Harrington, senior point guard, sits down defensively against Pittsburg State University's Oscar Gonzalez. Harrington was named the MIAA player of the year. Harrington will try and shut down Gonzalez again tonight when the 'Cats and Gorillas battle each other for the third time this season.

said. "I was sitting there watching (last season), and I couldn't do anything outside of practice. The thing that was missing last year was that too many people wanted to be the leader. We stepped up as the leaders this year, along with (junior forward) Matt Redd, and we said, 'we saw what happened last year and we weren't going to let that happen again.'"

The 'Cats accomplishments are testament to that — MIAA co-conference champs, a 13-3 conference record and a bid to the postseason tournament. The teams togetherness and close knit atmosphere are the foundation of their accomplishments.

"I've been on a lot of good teams, but this is the first team I can honestly say that you never see jealousy or animosity between teammates," Harrington said. "We all love each other."

The seniors not only lead with words, they set examples for the rest of team to follow. In practice they encourage everyone. When Harrington takes a charge in practice, Burleson is the first from the sidelines to help him up and slap him on the rear.

"I'm around a great bunch of guys," Harrington said. "Everyone supports each other and tries for a common goal. Everyone works hard and good things have been happening for us."

Defense has been a big part of the team this year, and the seniors have been the catalysts of the defense.

"Coach (Steve Tappmeyer) always says that I set the defensive tone, so when everyone sees me down they all get ready to go," Harrington said. "When we play good defense, you see everybody on the floor and taking

charges. We get things going and we're having fun."

Defense is one of the biggest differences for this team that was picked in the pre-season MIAA coaches' poll to finish No. 6.

"We made sure everyone knew we were going to have to play defense," Harrington said. "I mean every game we have won this season was because of our defense, not because of big-name players. Regardless of what your offense is doing every night, if you play your defense you can always win games."

The seniors' close relationship off the court has evolved into a closeness throughout the whole team, they said.

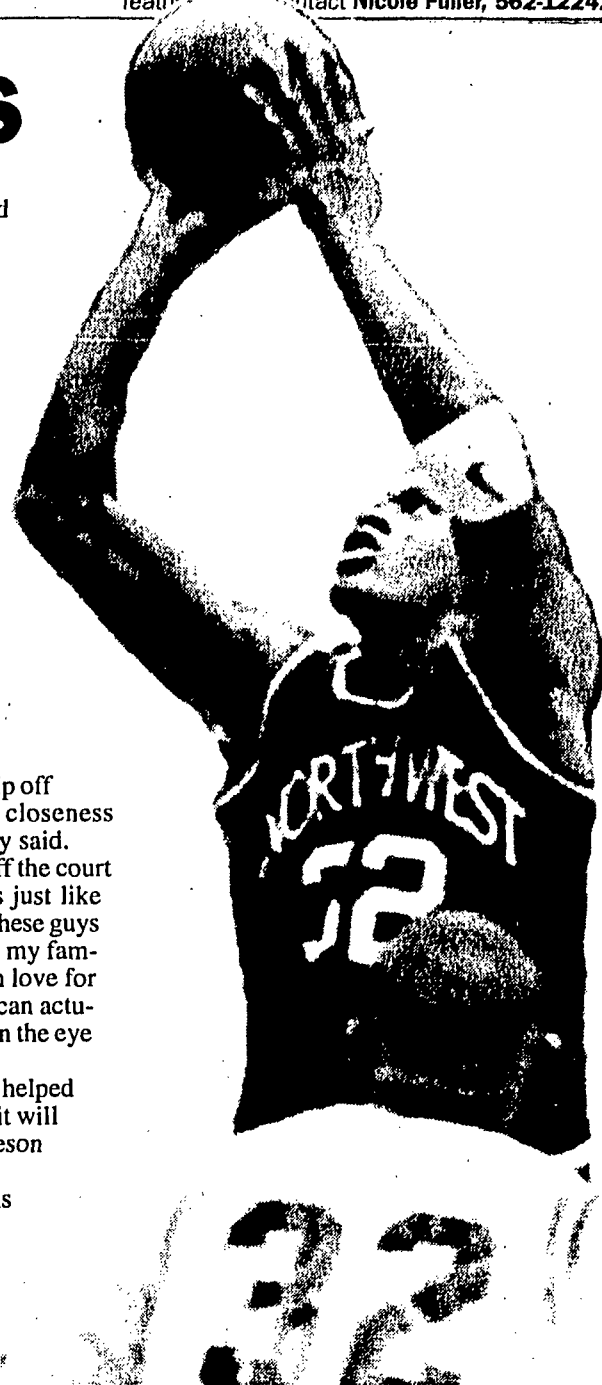
"We have just as much fun off the court as on it," Harrington said. "It's just like living with my family. I'm with these guys so much they make me not miss my family so much. I have just as much love for these guys as my own family. I can actually look everyone one of them in the eye and tell them that I love them."

Becoming so close may have helped make the team much better, but it will be hard when it is all over, Burleson said.

"Everyone has got so close this year, I wouldn't doubt if at the banquet or the last day of school, there were tears shed," he said.

Although, the good-bye could be eased if it is after the postgame celebration at the national championship.

"I hope we go all the way through, because I don't want this to ever end," Harrington said.



Darren Papek/Photography Director

Senior forward Brian Burleson raises up for a jumper. Burleson is in his second season with the 'Cats after transferring from Antelope Community College in California. Burleson and Harrington are the lone seniors on this year's squad.

Teammates capture childhood days

by Collin McDonough
Managing Editor

For three members of this year's Bearcat basketball team, it's like reliving the glory days of their youth.

Matt Redd, Mike Morley and Phil Simpson have played together on AAU basketball teams since the sixth grade and this year they joined forces again.

All three remember first playing together in sixth grade when they played over 70 games.

The trio played five to six games a weekend and made the national AAU tournament twice going up against Division I and NBA-caliber players.

Albert White of the University of Missouri and Stephon Marbury of the Minnesota Timberwolves were on teams that the three competed against.

Simpson said his favorite moment with his two teammates is when they played against Derek Hood's AAU team out of Kansas City.

"We beat them and it was pretty much a Kansas City all-star team," Simpson said. "We were based in Maryville and they were thinking we were farm kids."

Del Morley, Mike's father, said he remembers the three playing together as youngsters and them beating tougher opponents.

"A lot of times they would beat teams that had more talent," Del said. "They overcame their lack of physical talent and played within themselves."

Simpson went to high school at Lafayette in St. Joseph, while Redd and Morley went to Maryville High School. So the three battled each other in MEC games as well.

Simpson said they played each other twice a year but Maryville always won.

"We played pretty well but we could never get them," Simpson said. "The only time we beat them was in eighth grade."



Darren Papek/Photography Director

After high school, both Redd and Simpson attended Northwest, while Morley attended Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa.

Coming back to Maryville never entered into Morley's mind until a call from Simpson.

"I didn't think I'd come at all," Morley said. "I had been offered a scholarship in Indiana, but Phil called and basically talked me into coming here."

Redd was comfortable with Morley on the team, because he knew what he could do.

"I knew he wasn't your average juco (junior college) player," Redd said. "I knew he'd fit right into the system."

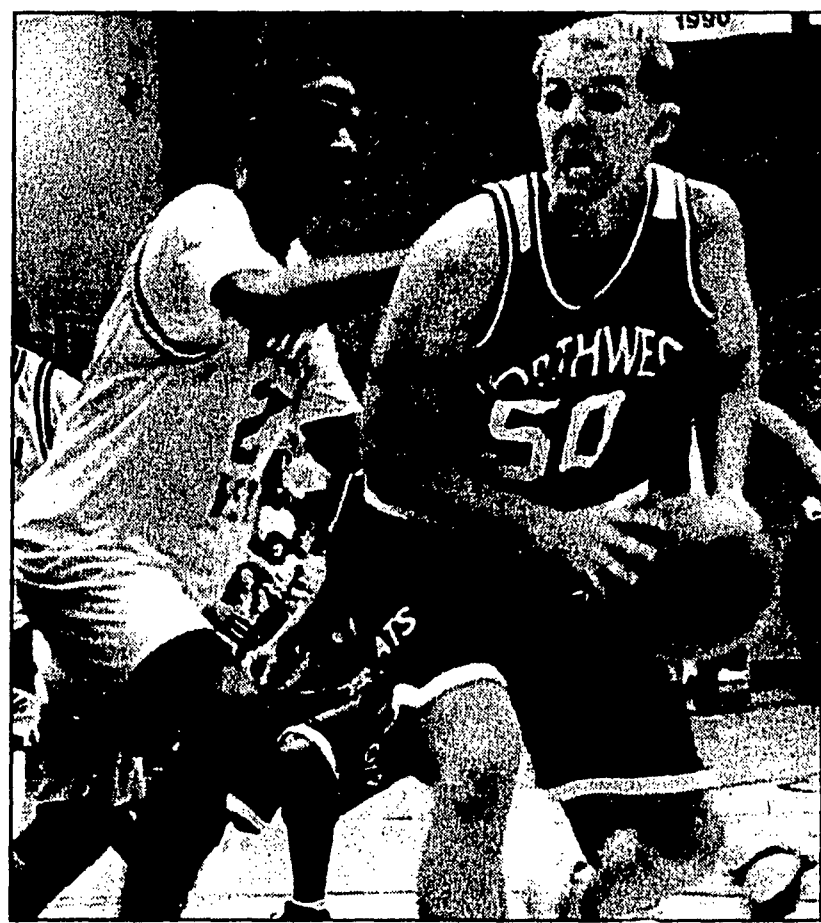
Coming back to Maryville and enjoying the success the team is having this year brings back good memories for Morley.

"It's kind of like reliving our moments," Morley said. "I hope we can make it that far again."

These three will get their chance to make their mark again when they battle Pittsburg State University Thursday in Canyon, Texas.



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Phil Simpson, Mike Morley, Brandon Wels and Chevis Johnson (left above) watch as the Bearcats dominate more action. (Left Below) Teammates since grade school, Matt Redd and Simpson enjoy their time on the court. Redd (above) lunged toward the hoop in hopes of drawing a foul against Missouri Western State College's Traveon Parks. Redd, Simpson and Morley joined forces again this season after playing together in summer basketball.

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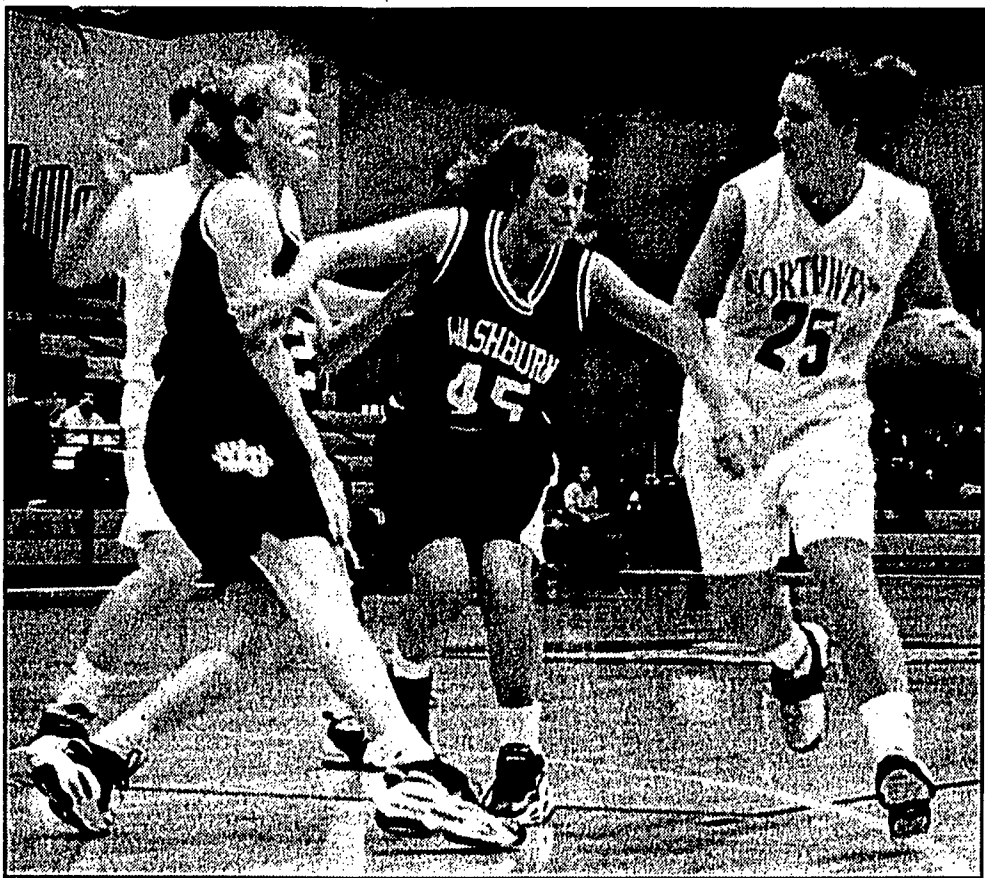


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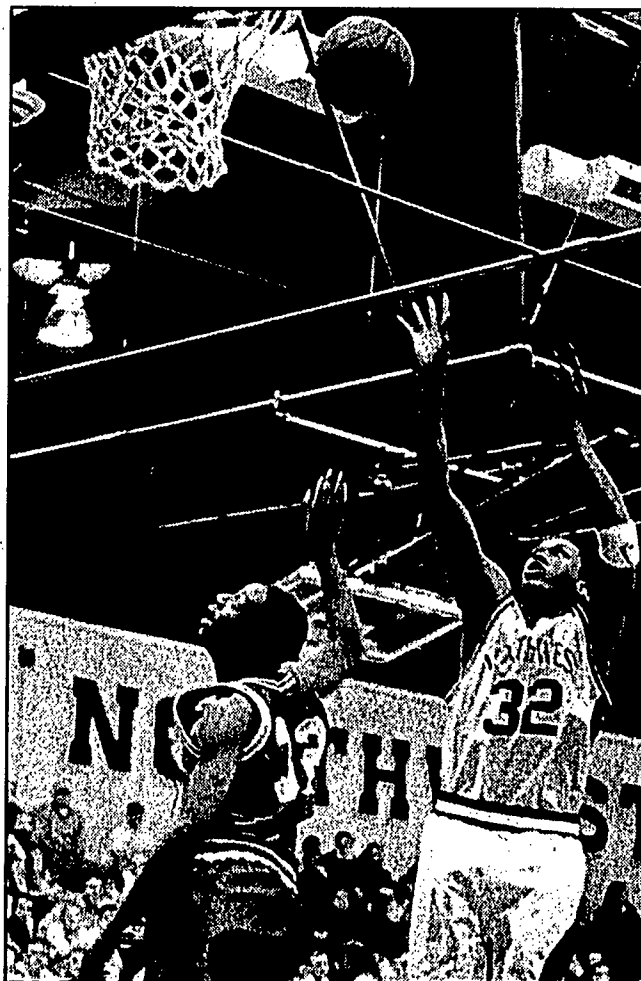
Senior guard Pam Cummings (below left) penetrates the Washburn University defense. Cummings owns virtually every assist record at Northwest and in the MIAA. Junior forward Matt Redd (left) strives for a layup against Missouri Western State College. Head coach Steve Tappmeyer (below) pleads with his players. This year marked the second year the 'Cats reached the regional tournament in Tappmeyer's era.



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Nicole Fuller/Assignment Director

Senior forward Brian Burleson (left) drops in a deuce over the Pittsburg State University defense. It marked the final appearance for Burleson in Bearcat Arena. Sophomore guard Phil Simpson (below) listens intently to the instructions from head coach Steve Tappmeyer. Simpson was a vital part of the Bearcats' three-point attack. (Bottom) Both Bearcat and Griffon fans packed the Missouri Western Fieldhouse last Saturday in the MIAA championship game. The Griffons dropped the Bearcats and claimed the MIAA title.



Darren Papek/Photography Director



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Weekly Wanderer compares campuses; reflects on local issues

What a week. It really wasn't that we lost to Missouri Western twice that sent me over the edge. I really feel sorry for those kids going to nothing more than a glorified junior college.

What is that Griffon mascot anyway? I thought they were horses with an eagle face or gargoyles. I'm not so sure that thing wasn't one of the muppets before becoming their mascot. It makes you appreciate Bobby Bearcat.

I was trying to think of a new name for them. I like Users, it typifies their players. A different player could be the mascot for each home game.

When did the NCAA stop drug testing its players? I know it's only Division II, but is there not any doubt that over half of that team fails miserably. I hope you all kept your programs from either this Saturday or last so you can mark off the number of players who go to jail after their playing days are over.

It makes me proud to be a Bearcat. When the "Junior College" wins championships in both football and men's basketball in the same year — then they can talk. If they want to accomplish that, they'll need to start by not letting our football team score 50 points against them.

Note to the MWSC athletic director: Quit recruiting dimwits and criminals so then your school would start getting more respect as an actual facility for higher learning.

Oh sure, we have our problems too. The First Amendment is being trampled upon by the administration. Our own beloved Student Senate has become some sort of puppet government for the administration. This is a step up from being the parliamentary procedure club that they had been in the past. I suppose that will draw another well thought out letter to the editor.

Here's my take on the whole incident. Some people didn't agree with Sarah Brady's

speech. That is not unusual for Maryville. Let's face it, Jed Clampett would feel at home here. NRA support in Maryville is higher than support for wearing pants in public.

However, what was unbelievable is that someone (not necessarily Campus Safety or Student Senate) decided that passing out fliers was a threat either to public image or to Brady's safety.

Either way, they were wrong. If it was a public image they were afraid of tarnishing, the entire blow up about the First Amendment and all the local media attention it has gotten is much worse than anything those fliers could have started.

I don't think a threat to Brady's life was very likely either. Sure the car she was riding in may have gotten its stereo stolen, but when was the last time a high profile figure was murdered in Maryville?

It's easy to detect that Student Senate does not have a clue what this posting rule is all about and how it is applied. Their defenses of it on "Maryville Tonight", in the *Missourian* and KQ2 have been some of the most uninformed and uninspired comments Your Man has ever heard.

In short, what happened folks is nothing short of a bad decision made by an administrator who feared that people expressing their opinions might shake up this sleepy little town.

To accomplish their brand of censorship, they used a little known or used Senate rule. They threw one by us.

I just hope the administration uses the front doors of the Administration Building some morning or looks closely at the University seal and sees those words.

Rooted in time those words mean as much now as they did in 1905 — "And the Truth Shall Set You Free."

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ACROSS

1. Worth, Texas
5. Tamale base
9. Sonic
13. "Little White Duck" singer
14. Model Elaine
15. Nastase of tennis
16. Clammy
17. Beneath
18. Delta builder
19. Bravo, for a bullfighter
20. Contents
21. Cut in two
22. Clutch

DOWN

24. Roman statesmen
25. Doesn't depart
27. Cultured milk
30. Spectators at Army-Navy game
32. Drill
33. Auditor's initials
36. Malt beverages
37. Cries
39. Take it on the
40. Literary

monogram

41. Mind: Lat.
42. My Sister
44. Heavy
46. Legume, old-style
47. Filled pastry
50. Famed moralist
52. Put arow
53. Port of Hawaii
54. Mouse
57. Summoned the butler

FACE

58. Face coverings
60. "Splendor in the Glass" screenwriter
61. Coat rack
62. Assert
63. Actor Harry Stanton
64. Before rock or tack
65. The line
66. Expands

DOWN

1. Generic dog's name
2. The Office
3. Apostates
4. Sound of disapproval
5. Eerie
6. Symbols of wisdom
7. 1992 Ecosystem site
8. Vane dir.
9. Halve
10. Antipasto item
11. Gretzky, once
12. Paris subway
14. Bird venerated by Egyptians
20. Fathomless
21. Horse father

Answers to last issue's puzzle

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23. Certain breads
24. Whammy
25. Wound remnant
26. Rangy
28. More than overweight
29. Republican initials
31. Take an oath
33. Brought into contempt
34. Toddler's muddy creations
35. Actress Archer
38. Remnant
39. Antony's
41. My: Ger.
43. Facto
44. Brought up the rear
45. Fastened with brads
47. Soil
48. Heidi's friend in Frankfurt
49. Passenger ship
51. In some other way
53. Bring on board
55. Mild expletive
56. Rosewall and Norton
58. Vintner's need
59. Vanity
60. Neighbor of Wyoming

Area Events

Kansas City

March 5-8 — Big 12 Basketball Tournament, Kemper Arena.
March 6 — Lil' Ed Blues Imperials, Grand Emporium.
March 11-19 — Buffalo Hair, Coterie Theatre.
March 14 — Joe Henderson, Folly Theatre.
March 26-29 — NCAA Hoop City, Bartle Hall.
April 15-19 — Schoolhouse Rock Live, Coterie Theatre.
April 18 — Marian McPartland Trio, Folly Theatre.

Omaha

March 5-8 — "Annie," Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
March 14 — Gaither Homecoming, Civic Auditorium Arena.
March 18 — Everclear, Ranch Bowl.
March 21 — Geoff Moore, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 1 — Dread Zeppelin, Ranch Bowl.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

Des Moines

March 6 — Arts After Hours Program, Art Center.
March 7-8 — The Planets (All Orchestra), Civic Center.
March 9-14 — Girls' State Basketball Tournament, Vet's Auditorium.
March 10 — Irish Rovers, Civic Center.
March 12 — Wade Hayes, Supertoad.
March 16-21 — Boys' State Basketball Tournament, Vet's Auditorium.

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Hoopsters scoop up awards in MIAA

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Awards started piling up for the Bearcat basketball team with the announcement of the all-MIAA first and second teams Monday.

Four 'Cats received honors while head coach Steve Tappmeyer was named coach of the year.

Senior guard Shakey Harrington was named player of the year in the MIAA conference.

"It's a prestigious honor, but I really can't take the credit for that, I have to give half of it to my teammates," Harrington said. "We've all done it together; I didn't go out and win these games by myself. It's been a team concept all year, and I gladly accept this award on behalf of the entire team."

Senior Brian Burleson and junior Matt Redd were elected to the second team. Junior LeVant Williams was given an all-conference honorable mention.

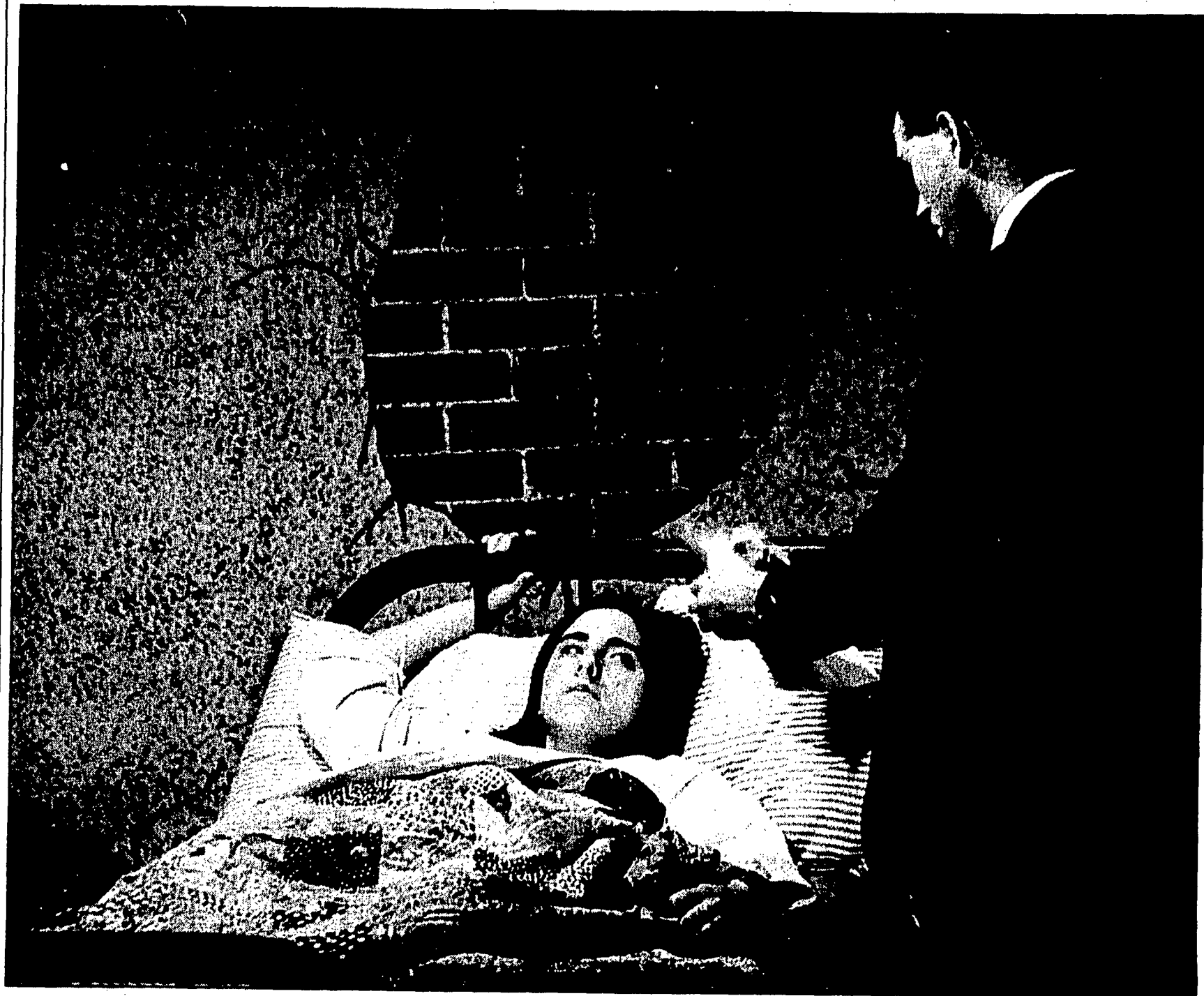
The 'Cats will take their awards to the NCAA Division II regional tournament in Canyon, Texas where they will play Pittsburg State University, Thursday at 8 p.m.

West Texas A & M University will play the winner of the game. Missouri Western State College, MIAA co-champion also received a bye in the tournament and will play the winner of Texas A & M Commerce and Central Oklahoma Friday.

The road to Louisville begins in Texas.

For more basketball coverage turn to page 8 and 9.

Addressing abortion



Karen Murano and Paul Nevins rehearse their lines for "Keely and Du". The controversial theater production about abortion will run tonight through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and again Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Amy Roh/
Staff Photographer

Conference helps teachers productively use Internet

by Scott Summers
Community Sports Editor

Several Northwest faculty members learned this week how to make better use of the weapon of the future — the Internet.

The Stop Surfing — Start Teaching 1998 National Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C., focused on sharing ideas about how to use the Internet to assist teachers and make everyday activities in the classroom more productive.

Participants were able to attend a variety of sessions ranging from distance learning to building web sites.

Northwest teachers were glad to have an opportunity to visit with faculty members from other institutions across the country.

Gary Ury, computer science and information systems lecturer, said he enjoyed being able to get an idea of what other schools were doing with the Internet.

"I think that is one of the true values of any conference," Ury said. "(You can) get an idea of where you are compared to others."

Ury believes the Internet will be the weapon of the future in teaching, especially because so many students already know how to use it.

"It's just another tool in the arsenal of a teacher," Ury said.

The biggest advantage of attending the conference was getting the chance to mix with people in other teaching disciplines, said Nancy Thompson, associate professor of computer science and information systems.

Thompson believes "technology will change education" and faculty members need to be prepared to manage it.

Northwest faculty members came away from the conference believing Northwest was well-prepared to jump into the new wave of Internet teaching.

"We're not by any means an expert, but we're up there with the leaders," said Jody Strauch, mass communication instructor.

Thompson also believes Northwest is on the right track on becoming the leaders of the Internet progression.

"I think what we found was (that) we are kind of ahead of the game," Thompson said. "We found out we're the leaders, not the followers."

Street department

Quest to fill job finishes

■ City Manager appoints interim superintendent for administrative position

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

The street department superintendent position was filled Monday after a three-month search.

Jay Cacek was appointed by City Manager David Angerer to fill the vacancy. His term will start March 12.

Cacek was the interim street superintendent after David Middleton resigned in January to concentrate on his Mozingo Lake superintendent position.

Maryville had been looking for the new superintendent since December. Although there were numerous applicants for the position, the city did not hire anyone until now.

Maryville offered the job to Cacek in February. However, he did not take the position.

"I wasn't ready (to be the street superintendent), really didn't think about it," Cacek said. "If you are happy with where you are, why mess with it?"

However, after two weeks of consideration, Cacek decided to accept the position.

"I talked to a lot of people about the position, and I thought it may be a big move for me to try," he said.

Cacek said the superintendent is an important position and he plans to do his best.

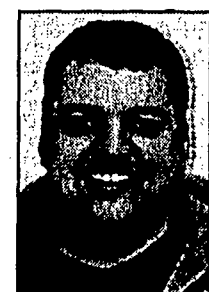
"(Middleton's) shoes are pretty big shoes to fill," Cacek said. "We will try hard to get the jobs done."

People who know Cacek were pleased with his decision to become the superintendent.

Ron Brohammer, director of Public Works, said Cacek had been doing well since he became the interim superintendent.

"I think he is a terrific young man, and he will do a very fine job," Brohammer said.

Cacek had been working for the street department as an operator for four years. Dale Mathes, City Council member, said it is nice for a person in the department to become the superintendent.



■ Jay Cacek

New position to help faculty use technology

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The Northwest Board of Regents approved the appointment of an Iowa State University professor to a new position.

Michael Simonson will become Northwest's Director for the Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning.

Simonson will provide leadership for the faculty members currently involved with the center and the modular learning program.

"What we're really excited about in Mike Simonson is that he really knows the issues of using technology where it has the right and maximum effect," Provost Tim Gilmour said. "What we hope is that he will see his role as helping as many faculty as possible to get their feet wet and ultimately to really begin to get excited about the prospects of the application of information technology and learning."

Simonson comes to Northwest from Iowa State, where he was the professor of curriculum and instruction, specializing in educational technology.

The University used a nationwide search and 80 applicants were screened for the position, some of which were Northwest faculty members.

"What we ended up getting was a person that is currently a national leader and is really interested in working at an institution that has (Northwest's) kind of commitment to applying information technology to learning," Gilmour said.

Simonson will finish out the semester at Iowa State, although he will be at Northwest various times throughout the semester.

An exact date has not been set for Simonson to begin his position full time, Gilmour said.

Simonson has over 20 years of experience in systems design and educational technology.

"He brings enormous expertise," University President Dean Hubbard said. "He's certainly one of the leading authorities in this country in doing this sort of thing. He'll not only provide guidance for the faculty that want to work in this area, but he also has a lot of insight experience."

Simonson received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Iowa State and his doctorate from the University of Iowa.

Over time, using Simonson's knowledge, Northwest can have a Center that will have a significant influence on faculty and how they think of the learning experiences they provide to students, Gilmour said.

First senior housing cooperative in Missouri breaks ground



Darren Papke/Photography Director

Maryville residents break ground during a ceremony kicking off the construction of Missouri's first Homestead Cooperative of Maryville Saturday.

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

The groundbreaking ceremony for the first senior housing cooperative in Missouri kicked off construction Saturday.

Homestead Cooperative of Maryville, a housing complex for independent seniors, will be completed in November. The construction will begin in mid-March.

The building will be a one-story complex with 24 homes. It will cost \$2.4 million to build. It is designed for seniors, age 55 or older to stay in Maryville by providing a nearby community of peers.

"(Homestead housing is) mainly to keep seniors in Maryville instead of moving to St. Joseph or Kansas City for this type of living," said Susie Nelson, housing counselor at Homestead Cooperative of Maryville.

Carol Gregg, Homestead Missouri Project manager, was happy about the progress of this project.

"I'm very pleased (to be) a part of Homestead to work with the community of Maryville," Gregg said. "It truly has been the community effort."

About 10 homes have been reserved for people in Iowa as well as surrounding areas, Anna Mae Volkmar, a reserved homeowner from Bedford, Iowa, decided to purchase the house because it was the closest one to her home.

Although Homestead is a corporation having 12 buildings in six Midwest states, Maryville's project is run primarily by local organizations including contractors and board members.

"We try to keep as much as money as possible in the community," Gregg said. "So, we are unique in that way."

Through an invitation from Maryville, the Homestead project started two years ago.

"It's a super project for senior citizens," said Marlin Slagle, chairperson of the Homestead Cooperative of Maryville interim board. "It has been long time (waiting for this)."

By many people's supports, the completion of community for seniors that will feature an advanced security system and handicap accessibility has become realistic, Nelson said.

"I just want to thank everyone involved in this (project) because we could not have done (it) without everyone's help," Nelson said.

View Point

Center allows technological advancement

The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is good news for everyone at Northwest. This article addresses why this is so and presents the broad outlines of how the Center is expected to operate.



■ Tim Gilmour

The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is a positive addition for students and faculty for several key reasons. First, it helps faculty make learning more interesting and expands the scope of material they can bring to students in the classroom through the use of the Internet, the World Wide Web and other sources of computerized learning modules. Second, it permits faculty to break courses down into computer-based learning modules. By "modularizing" courses, faculty can allow students to move through a course at their own pace and can change their primary role from lecturing and testing to helping students learn and assess themselves in ways that best match their individual learning styles. Third, it will enable students who cannot come to Northwest to study to take much of their academic program at places and times that are convenient to them. (For current students, this should be a tremendous advantage because Northwest will be able to meet most of their professional updating needs in the future with this capability.) Ultimately, we believe, by combining all of these advantages, that information technology can increase the amount and quality of student learning at Northwest.

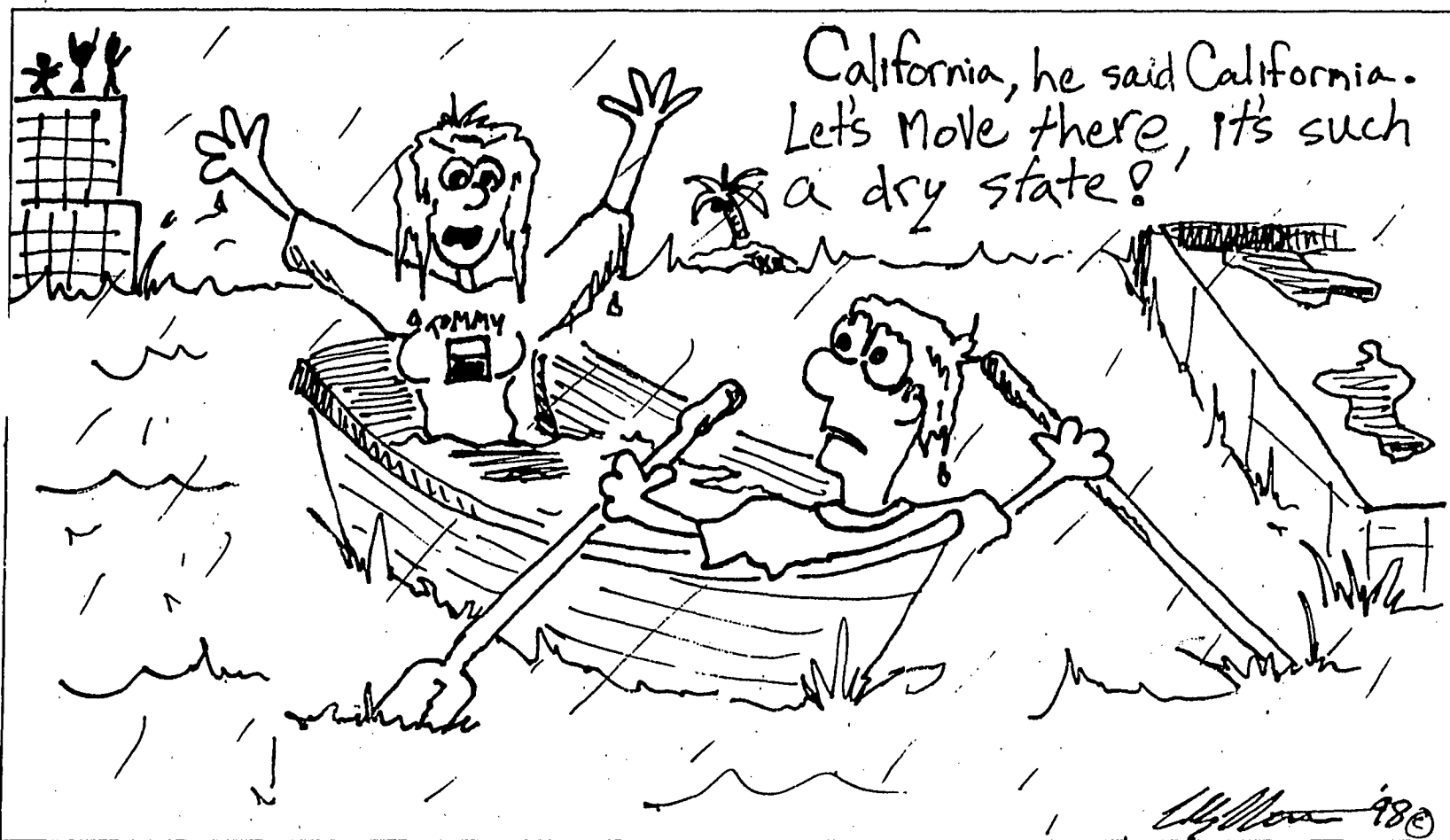
The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is also good news for Northwest as an institution. First, as part of Northwest's mission enhancement funding, it places no additional financial burden on students.

Second, it uniquely positions the University in Missouri as the only institution designated for the development of information technology applications to learning. Third, and most important, if leading higher education thinkers are correct, the future of higher education belongs to institutions that are competent in the information technology arena. Clearly, the Center and the mission associated with it give Northwest a major competitive advantage in the future.

How will the Center operate? It is presumptuous to provide more than the broadest outline of thinking in this area, because we have just hired a director, Michael Simonson from Iowa State, to whom we have given considerable discretion in the design of the Center. What we have told Simonson is that we do not want the Center to operate as an "island" serving a few highly talented faculty whose full-time mission it is to advance the purposes of the Center. (At its full complement, in Fiscal Year 2001, the Center will have six full-time faculty positions.) Instead, we want a Center that pulls in a wide cross-section of Northwest faculty over time to work on focused projects, using release time and technology support from the Center, to advance their work on applying information technology to learning. In fact, these faculty would not be housed in the Center, but instead would stay in their home departments in order to share what they are learning as Center "fellows" with their colleagues back home. In addition, we want the Center to help faculty focus on initiatives that improve student learning processes using technology to accomplish that aim as contrasted to a Center solely dedicated to the development of information technology applications. With this design, we hope the Center will have an extraordinary effect on the University's overall competence in helping students learn better through the use of information technology.

One caution. The Center's impact on learning at Northwest will not be immediate. We do, however, feel confident that by the time the Center reaches its full operating capacity in Fiscal Year 2001, its impact will be felt not only at Northwest but across the nation.

Tim Gilmour is the provost for the University.



Our View

OF THE UNIVERSITY

Students comply with dictatorship

Pride and tension reverberated off the four walls of the Missouri Western Fieldhouse Saturday as the Bearcats once again faced the Griffons. Crowd participation and fan support for Northwest was phenomenal. Northwest fans of all ages stood together to support their team — except for the upper echelon of our administration. Instead, they glumly sat esconced in their private corner of the gymnasium bleachers, segregating themselves and looking down their noses at the student population.

Two weeks ago, Northwest faced the Griffons at Bearcat Arena in a game that determined the conference championship. Northwest students showed up in droves, only to be turned away at the door. They were told there was not enough room.

For the fans fortunate enough to be able to watch the game, it was a different story. Members of our administration patrolled the sidelines like an elementary school cafeteria monitor. Not too loud. No



yelling. No shouting. No negative language or actions. No overzealous behavior, even for your own team. No running. No talking. Calmly walk to your seat, watch the game quietly and, win or lose, leave in a peaceful manner. Ask no questions of your peers or supervisors. Maintain order at all times. Speak only when spoken to.

And the students complied. What will it take to unite the students of Northwest to take action against the double standard that has been set for them? Even at a sporting event, students are not allowed the same benefits and opportunities as members of the community or visitors to our campus. Students are herded like cattle from one location to another, swiftly and efficiently corralled and admonished to behave.

Administrators meticulously walk the sidelines to assure that problems do not arise. Students are forced to ask for a hall pass to

even buy popcorn.

The basketball team is having an amazing season. They will compete in the NCAA tournament tonight and last week finished second to Missouri Western in the MIAA postseason tournament. Yet students — the greatest supporters of Northwest athletics — are not allowed to attend the games and are not allowed to vocally support their teams.

Is there any reason Bearcat Arena cannot be so full of fans, both for Northwest and our opponent, that it reaches maximum capacity? The stadium should be so loud that fans can still hear echoes of a Bearcat victory as the leave.

Administrators must decide what is important: forcing students to raise their hand to leave their seats at a basketball game, or allowing them to take pride in their school and to cheer their peers on to a well-deserved victory.

My Turn

University needs to open its eyes, make changes



■ Nicole Fuller

A spoonful of sugar may help the medicine go down but a whole bag of sugar will not coat the problem.

Northwest has several problems that it needs to stop trying to sugarcoat. The University needs to look at its problems head on and realize it is not perfect.

We have so much time to waste that Campus Safety sits outside Franken Hall at 2 a.m. watching the 15-minute parking zone just to give a car a ticket for being there longer than the posted time.

Instead, perhaps Campus Safety should be worried about the arising drug problem on campus. Campus Safety should also try to catch whoever seems to be pulling all the fire alarms in the residence halls instead trying to meet

their ticket quota, especially at 2 a.m.

Maybe I just need to point the problems out and they will get fixed. Shortly after the *Missourian* ran a feature on safety, I noticed lights began to appear on campus in areas identified as unsafe. Does the student newspaper need to mention the problems before the University can figure them out?

The campus needs to address whether we are a high school or a college. Last time I checked, we were a university.

I have noticed at basketball games how students are patrolled by the administration. Their actions and behaviors seem to be monitored.

This does not allow students basic freedom. At other college basketball

games, I have watched students go crazy. They yell, cheer and get all fired up. I see students without shirts having words painted across their chests. If a student tried that here they would either be asked to put their shirt back on or to leave.

We aren't in high school; we should be allowed liberties and rights. Oh, I forgot, this campus has a tendency to overstep people's First Amendment rights, but that's a different story.

The University needs to stop hiding problems and face up to them. Maybe once we solve these problems we can move on and say we are a "quality" campus.

Nicole Fuller is the assignment director for the Northwest Missourian.

Simple solution to worldwide, local problems — El Niño



■ Collin McDonough

There have been quite a few odd occurrences happening over the past months. After pondering about them for awhile, I have found a reason for them.

First, let's start off with the president of the United States and his alleged affair with the former intern Monica Lewinsky. Although Mr. Clinton has had problems in the past, this seems to be his biggest nemesis and here's my explanation for it — El Niño.

Then we had John Elway actually win a Super Bowl. This guy failed in three previous attempts and finally earned his ring. The only difference is that this time there was El Niño.

What about the Student Senate First Amendment issue? We have never had any problems with the First Amendment

before, so why not blame it on El Niño? The Stroller has really struggled this year as well. I do not know about the four years before my time, but the only reason I can come up with as to why the Stroller is slumping — El Niño.

And for you Seinfeld watchers out there. There is one explanation for the fact that it is going off the air — El Niño.

Many are asking why "Dawson's Creek" is such a big hit. There is an easy answer — El Niño.

For the golf addicts out there searching for answers as to why this Casey Martin incident occurred. I have the solution — El Niño.

Some may ask why has there been such a rash of car break-ins in Maryville. It's simple — El Niño.

As for Missouri Western knocking off the 'Cats in the MIAA basketball postseason tournament championship, even though we are Bearcats, we are no match for El Niño.

Colden Hall was finally finished, and I know why it took so long. They were waiting until El Niño actually struck to see if it could stand up to its forces.

Now, we can just sit back and wait to see when El Niño will strike again. Hopefully nothing out of the ordinary will occur. But if it does, people should be prepared.

El Niño has already done some tremendous damage — so look out. It could strike at any moment.

Collin McDonough is the managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

It's Your Turn

Being that it is Procrastination Week, what do you put off the most?



"I put off washing the dishes and paying my bills."

Corey Johnson, public relations major



"I put off the most important things I need to do."

Brooke Moberly, horticulture major



"I wait on writing papers."

Adam Smith, history major



"I procrastinate hard homework until the night before. I do the easy things right away."

Melissa Maw, elementary education major



"Studying for tests because I don't. So I guess I put it off too far."

John Haze, accounting major



"What don't I procrastinate on?"

Amy Kracher, psychology/sociology major



"I put off projects that are due two months away. I could do them now, but I don't."

Dawn Stritzel, elementary education major

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Correction

In the Feb. 19 issue of the Northwest Missourian, Frank Baudino was misquoted in the It's Your Turn section on page 2. The Missourian regrets this error.

Committee to draft Creed

■ **Great Expectations** provides participants opportunity to address issues regarding quality

by **Toru Yamauchi**
Chief Reporter

Improving the quality of the University was the goal of more than 100 students, faculty, administrators and support staff last Thursday.

Great Expectations: Quality Classroom Day '98 provided the opportunity to improve and develop a Student Creed.

The Student Creed Committee, comprised of 14 students, will make the draft of the Creed by early May based on information from the discussion. The Board of Regents will vote on whether or not to approve it at its meeting in June.

If the Board passes the draft, the Creed will be included in the Student Handbook in the fall. It will be used as a guide for students.

"(Creating a draft of the creed) is a challenge," said Kent Porterfield, vice president for Student Affairs and faculty advisory committee member for the Student Creed. "But at the same time, we have enough consistency in the course we have. So, I think we are going to come up with a pretty good draft of the creed."

The Quality Classroom Day was broken into four student groups, a faculty group and an administrator group after the opening session. Each group discussed areas such as expectations in the classroom, extra-curricular activities and the University's environment.

Many concerns from the students, faculty and administration were presented at the closing session.

They found differences and simi-



Robert Aschertrop, one of 14 members of the Student Creed Committee, speaks with a group of students Thursday at the "Great Expectations: Quality Classroom Day '98." Nearly 100 students, faculty, administrators and support staff attended the meeting and helped develop a Student Creed.

larities in the expectations of each position. Some students said they want professors to understand they have other courses. They said professors should not expect students to do too many assignments in a short time. However, faculty members said they expect students to keep studying.

Minority voices were also presented at the session.

International students voiced their concerns created from the differences in cultures and circumstances. Angel Harris-Lewis, Student Senate president and Student Creed Committee member, was pleased about the outcome of the event.

"I think it was very beneficial," Harris-Lewis said. "While we were reaching the accomplishment, we

were having a lot of fun at the same time.

It was extremely interactive and cooperative in terms of having faculty, administrators and students all working together."

Harris-Lewis said although the number of participants were fewer than she hoped, attendants were from a wide variety of groups.

Board of Regents elects new consortium leader

by **Stephanie Zellstra**
Assistant News Editor

The position for a new executive director of the Northwest Missouri Education Consortium was approved by the Board of Regents Friday.

Frank Veeman, who is currently the dean of instruction at North Central Missouri College in Trenton, has been hired. His experience and involvement with the consortium among other reasons, qualified him for the job. He serves on the consortium board and is currently the chairman.

The consortium deals with the operating and financing, along with regulating class offerings within the consortium. The consortium is responsible for a number of programs. One of which includes learning via satellite for students at NCMC.

Bob Bush, director of healthy community initiatives, was the interim executive director of the consortium and said the job really entails working with the other schools in the consortium and mainly distance learning.

Other colleges and universities involved are Missouri Western State College and the University of Missouri-Columbia and several vocational and technical schools.

Because of programs and activities that Veeman has been involved in, Bush believes that he is the perfect match for the position.

"He is really a tremendous person, hard-working and can really think through the academic needs of the students," Bush said. "We are very excited to have him on board. He really has a level of trust with the schools that he will be working with and that is valuable, especially in this position."

Veeman also looks forward to beginning work with the consortium in

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■ **Bob Bush**
director of healthy community initiatives

this capacity. He also believes this a great opportunity to work with distance learning and the technical schools who will be able to offer more classes through distance learning and the other larger universities.

"I am very anxious to begin working at Northwest," Veeman said. "I really see a mushrooming effect with distance learning because of the increase in technology and what we are able to do. And the fact that I am involved with it is very exciting."

The date he will begin is not known, although there are meetings planned to finalize those details.

Bush, who began his position in January, said he is very excited about it.

The initiative works with communities in the region to provide more educational opportunities for the non-traditional students.

It also works on diversity by developing younger leaders in the community and having them work with the older members of the community. He said he will more than likely be working with Veeman on several projects.

"It's not a job for me, it's a life," Bush said.

In Brief

ISO dinner, show provides culture

The International Student Organization is sponsoring its 18th annual International Dinner and Cultural Show at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Conference Center.

In addition to food from many different countries, performances from eight groups representing such countries as Japan, China, Turkey and Mexico will be given.

Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Services desk on the first floor of the Administration Building.

'Cat Walk promotes healthy life-styles

The fifth annual 'Cat Walk, sponsored by the University's Be Well Committee, will take place at 9 a.m., Saturday, in Bearcat Arena.

The walk will last approximately 45 minutes, and there will be a drawing afterward for prizes which include weights, a walkman and other fitness items.

Preregistration forms are available at the front desk of the residence halls, the main desk in the Union, the Student Services desk, the Public Relations office in the Administration Building and the Environmental Services main office.

Return completed forms to the Public Relations Office on the second floor of the Ad Building. Preregistration is not required.

For more information, contact Teresa Carter at 562-1580.

Senate sponsors Tower Awards, trip

Student Senate is sponsoring the annual Tower Service Awards and a Legislative Reception Wednesday, March 11.

Tower Service Awards honor students, faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for Northwest.

Nominations are accepted until March 17. Those eligible to be nominated for a Tower Service Award include juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty, staff, administration and support staff.

To nominate someone, pick up an application at the Student Senate Office. For more information contact Charice Douthat at 562-1218.

The Legislative Reception will take place in Jefferson City. Anyone interested must attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 in University Club North.

Team wins state; preps for Nationals

The Forensics team won bragging rights by winning the state team title for the second time in three years.

Northwest beat out virtually every school in Missouri to claim the crown Feb. 15 at Longview College in Kansas City.

Five Northwest team members have already qualified for the National Tournament in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Those members include, Justin Burton, Annie Chromy, Pat Johnson, Angela McMahon and Casy Wikstrom.

Residential Life leader moves on

By **Burton Taylor**
Chief Reporter

A contributor to the well-being of Northwest has packed his bags and continued on his trek of life, leaving behind his students, co-workers and friends.

Wayne Viner, residential life coordinator, has moved to Omaha, Neb. to work for Bingo King as a financial consultant. Viner's wife recently graduated from Northwest and received a job in Omaha causing both of them to relocate.

Viner worked for Northwest for 12 years and said leaving the campus is difficult.

With both of them having new jobs, Viner said they plan on planting their roots in Nebraska.

"I think we will make (Omaha) our home," Viner said. "But I will miss the people and students at Northwest."

Viner has noticed a lot of changes while at Northwest. He said being a part of those improvements was important to him and is glad he could help.

"I think that Northwest has made a giant leap and the school has really progressed over the years," Viner said.

Viner believes it is his time to leave the school and move on to other challenges. But he said there are qualities he developed at Northwest that he will carry with him.

Northwest has always seemed to excel in unity, Viner said.

"All of the students that come to Northwest have many ways that they can help others learn and have a lot they can teach one another," Viner said. "Which was one of the most rewarding things about working there."

Another reward Viner received while working at the University is experience.

"My position at Northwest helped me develop managing skills," Viner said. "I think that



Wayne Viner gives his final speech thanking those who supported him during his time spent working at Northwest. Viner accepted numerous awards and good-byes Friday, Feb. 27, during his farewell reception. Viner was the Residential Life Coordinator.

the contact I had with others really enriched my life."

Viner will be missed by many, but all of his co-workers think he will be able to succeed in whatever he does.

"He is a very good person to work with and is very easygoing," Mary Jane Miller, residential life secretary, said.

Viner's job will be filled next fall by Mark Hetzler. Leaving on such short notice, left some unfinished business that Hetzler will be responsible for completing. The renovations to South Complex and the high rises are immediate as-

signments he has been assigned. The new room assignments are also a task being taken over by Hetzler.

Viner and Hetzler worked together for six years not only as colleagues but friends. Saying good-bye to Viner was not the easiest thing to do, Hetzler said.

"It is always hard (to say good-bye), and I learned a lot from Wayne," Hetzler said. "The most important thing is to be a student advocate which is something Wayne believed in."

Hetzler said Viner was an asset to the community and his presence will be missed.

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Little Miss Northwest, Miss Northwest, Miss Maryville

Pageant crowns trio

by Angela Patton
Missourian Staff

Music, dancing and bright lights filled the Charles Johnson Theater as pageant contestants competed for three different crowns.

Miss Northwest, Miss Maryville and Little Miss Northwest were crowned Saturday night in front of approximately 325 people.

Whitney Piper Wallace, daughter of Rex and Tracey Wallace, was crowned Little Miss Northwest 1998 by Taylor Wilmes, Little Miss Northwest 1997.

"When I heard my name called, I just got tears," Whitney said.

Shelly Johnson was crowned Miss Northwest and Carrie Odom was selected as Miss Maryville.

The 11th annual Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville scholarship pageant was sponsored by the Maryville Jaycees in conjunction with the ninth annual Little Miss Pageant. Two contestants, Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville, will go to the Miss Missouri Pageant during the first week of June in Mexico.

The competition actually began for the 10 Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville and 10 Little Miss Northwest contestants when they were interviewed by a panel of judges Saturday morning.

"We're going to just talk and have fun," Wallace said.

The Little Miss contestants must be 5 to 7 years old and live in Nodaway County. All but one of this year's participants was from Maryville.

"These are all girls they know, and they're having a ball," said Tracey

Wallace, mother of two Little Miss contestants, Whitney and Jordan Wallace. "As long as (contestants and their parents) go at it with the right attitude, and it's just for fun, then there's no problem."

The girls were judged on their five-minute interview Saturday morning, as well as an onstage interview with the emcee, poise, dress and ticket sales for the pageant. Money generated from ticket sales pays rental fees and funds scholarships.

During their onstage competition, they were asked a few questions such as what they want to be when they grow up. Answers ranged from being a teacher to a dolphin trainer.

"If you get up in front of a crowd and talk, you deserve to win," said Kay Owens, director of the Little Miss Pageant for the past eight years.

For this reason, a crown and sash was given to each girl.

Darbi Ellen Fuhman, daughter of Cammi and Rob Zimmerman and Tim Fuhman, was selected as first runner-up. Katherine Grace Kelly, daughter of Brett and Nancy Kelly, was the second runner-up.

The first and second runners-up were awarded a trophy and a second sash.

Whitney received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and a second crown and sash. She will also make appearances in the Northwest Homecoming, Nodaway County Fair and Apple Blossom parades.

Tracey's proudest moment was when she heard her daughters speaking in front of the audience.

"I think it's really neat they have enough confidence to get up there and do this," Tracey said.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville contestants competed in three events: swimwear, talent and evening wear.

Laura Lea, Lexington, was chosen as first runner-up and Regan Bramblett, Hannibal, as second runner-up.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville 1998 grew up together in Trenton. Johnson is a junior at Northwest majoring in elementary education.

"(Pageants) have given me a chance to sing onstage and have helped with my communication skills and self-esteem," Johnson said.

Odom is a sophomore at the University of Missouri-Columbia nursing school.

"Pageants have increased my interview skills," Odom said.

They have also helped her to become comfortable in front of a group of people, she said.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville each received a \$500 scholarship, an additional \$500 scholarship to Northwest or Missouri Western State College plus a \$100 scholarship from David and Alana Boyles, Maryville, if they choose to attend Northwest.

First runner-up received a \$300 scholarship and second runner-up a \$200 scholarship.

The Neta Derry Scholarship Award of \$250 for top interview went to Carrie Odom.

The Talent Award, a \$50 scholarship, was awarded at the reception to Lisa Sims, a Northwest student.

A reception at A & G's Restaurant Bar & Grill in Maryville followed the pageant.



Whitney Piper Wallace smiles for the crowd after being crowned Little Miss Northwest 1998 at the 11th annual pageant Saturday. Wallace is the daughter of Rex and Tracey Wallace of Maryville.

Library acquires technology

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Public Library entered the age of technology by making the Internet available last month.

The library received a grant for the hookup in last June from the Missouri State Library. It involves direct Internet access through the MOREnet office in Columbia.

"When I wrote the grant, I mentioned that there were people traveling through town who inquired about the Internet," library director Diane Houston said. "About a year and a half ago, there was a gentleman traveling, and he just happened to call us a few days ago to ask if we got Internet hookup yet. He was the first person to use the computer which was really neat for us."

The library has four computers networked to two printers, one of which is wheelchair accessible.

To ensure the computers are not tied up, each person must sign a policy which includes a promise not to play games or use e-mail. Additionally, people under 18 years old must have a parental signature before using the computers.

"This is the best source of reference that is available right now," Houston said. "What we are asking people to do is to use it for that."

A group called Internet Masters is available to help people learn how to use the Internet. Houston said the library will also offer classes.

The library received two additional grants for four more new computers, which will be used as online card catalogs.

Hospital renovations bring new families together

St. Francis obstetrics undergoes renovations; parents, infants connect

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

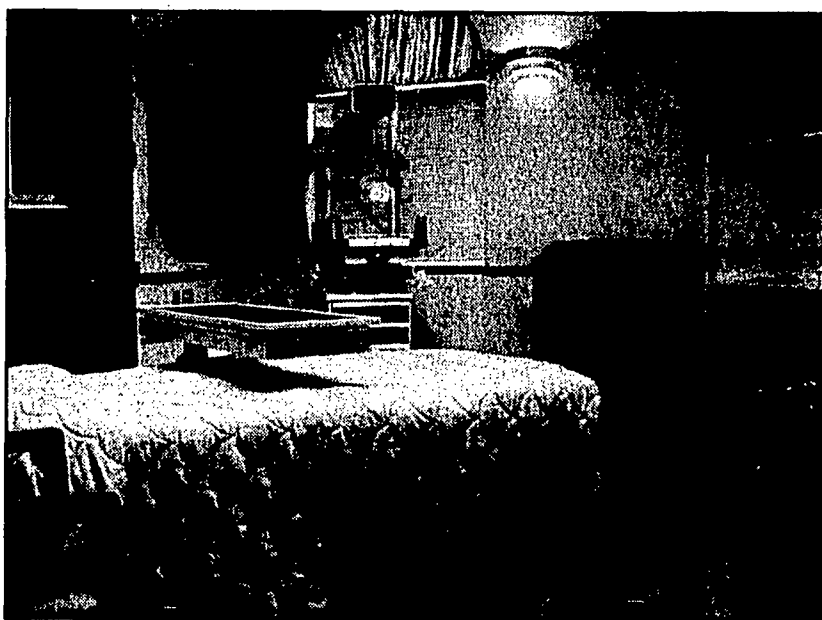
New mothers are enjoying their stay at St. Francis Hospital a lot more these days.

This is mainly because of renovations in the obstetrics unit completed last September. They include three labor delivery recovery rooms and five postpartum beds. The new setup allows the baby to stay in the mother's room.

"With the rooming (together) and getting to know the noises that the baby makes — knowing that they don't have to jump up every time they make certain noises — the mothers get more comfortable," said Kathy Brand, registered nurse and obstetric department nurse manager.

It may be difficult to tell that it is actually a hospital room once inside a postpartum room. Each room was designed to look more like a regular bedroom.

The motif includes a recliner, plants, a pastel-patterned bedspread



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

The obstetrics unit at St. Francis Hospital underwent renovations in last September. The changes make hospital rooms seem more like home and allow new parents to stay close to their newborns.

and wooden cabinets to hide electronic monitors and anything else that resembles medical supplies.

Stephanie Williams delivered her daughter Emily Rachelle Jan. 27 by

Caesarean section. She stayed in her room for four days.

"I thought it was real homey, and it made me feel more relaxed since it was my first baby," Williams said. "It

was really nice because they allowed my husband to also stay in the room with me."

The postpartum rooms are private rooms with private baths, with the exception of one double room that shares a bathroom.

"I think it gives them that chance for more privacy, without other families coming in or other patients," Brand said. "After the babies are born, they can have as many visitors as they want."

Another new arrival is the "We'll Come Visit" program.

Through the program, Karen Scholz, a postnatal RN, visits new mothers in their homes within 72 hours of being discharged from the hospital.

During the visit, which typically lasts one and a half to two hours, Scholz gives the baby a complete checkup, reviews breast-feeding with the mother and provides pamphlets regarding issues such as home safety.

"It was nice that she came to the house because mothers who have (Caesarean) sections can't drive for two weeks," Williams said. "She did a very thorough exam on Emily, and she brought a lot of information."

Treatment Center enters Phase Two of construction

by Steven Melling
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Treatment Center will be fully renovated by May 18.

The correctional facility is in Phase Two of construction which is estimated to cost \$4.1 million. Phase Two is part of the original plan and funding was appropriated by the general assembly for the state in 1995.

The expansion of bed space will be included. Two hundred new beds will be added to increase the total number to 525.

Other changes that will be made to the facility are the addition of classrooms for education and treatment as well as additional administrative space.

Along with the renovations will come the need for more employees. Facility Superintendent Bill Burgess said they currently have 213 employees including contract staff. Seventy-nine new employees will be added to fill one type of job.

"It's anticipated that 42 of those positions will be corrections officer I," Burgess said.

Corrections officer 1 is the position where all facility officers begin.

A job fair was held at the Northwest Conference Center to recruit new officers.

The remaining new jobs will be in a variety of fields ranging from food service to a librarian.

When the treatment center opened in December 1996, it had been a convent and school. Burgess described the conversion into the treatment center as "retrofitting."

"That's taking an existing facility and making it suitable for another purpose," Burgess said. "For us, it's taking (what was) at one time a convent and a school and retrofitting it so it could serve as a minimum security correctional treatment facility."

Phase One was the \$7 million conversion of the Mt. Alverno Academy and Housing into the center.

Burgess said the facility will be completed with Phase Two.

The Phase Two expansions were designed by Abend Singleton Associates, Inc. of Kansas City, Mo. Division Design Construction is doing the local construction.

Court Watch

■ Becky Busboom pled guilty to one count felony passing bad checks and one count misdemeanor passing bad checks. On the one count felony, the court suspended sentence and placed Busboom on probation for a period of four years. On the one count misdemeanor, Judge Andrews sentenced her to 60 days in jail, suspended with two years probation. Conditions include restitution on all checks by March 23 and check management program by May 23.

■ Samuel R. Morrison pled guilty to one count felony forgery and one count of felony stealing by deceit. He was sentenced to five years in prison to run consecutively with any other sentences. He was sent to the Department of Corrections to serve his sentence.

■ Bradley Gaskal pled guilty to one count felony sale of marijuana. He was sentenced to five years in prison to run consecutive with other sentences and was sent to the Department of Corrections.

■ Christopher Proffitt pled guilty to three counts felony sale of methamphetamines, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one count of possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute. The court ordered a presentence investigation and set sentencing for April 13.

■ Joshua Moses pled guilty to possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute. The court ordered a presentence investigation.

In Brief

Basketball player shares inspiration

Motivational speaker and former professional basketball player Archie Talley will share his message today with middle school and high school students.

Talley will speak at 8:15 a.m. at Washington Middle School and 10:40 a.m. at Maryville High School. The event is open to all students grades 6-12.

After being born and raised in Washington, D.C., Talley traveled to a small town in West Virginia to pursue his college basketball dreams. Talley has collected a lifetime of experience to share through the challenges he faced during his youth and the greatness he achieved throughout his basketball career.

Talley was the Associated Press College Division "Basketball Player of the Year" in 1976.

He also became the leading college basketball scorer in the nation,

averaging 41.1 points per game.

He played with the Harlem Globetrotters and the New Jersey Nets. Talley scored 116 points in a single game in Germany in 1978.

Talley has been a nationally renowned motivational speaker since 1984 at schools, events, civic and professional organizations.

His 60-minute presentation will include "The Ingredients of Life."

Students will learn what it takes to be successful and how being an American allows them freedoms.

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Public Safety

February 24

■ Vicki R. Egeland, Maryville, was northbound on Munn Street, while Virgil R. Albertini was southbound on Munn Street. Both signalled to turn left onto Third Street and both started to turn. Egeland continued straight striking Albertini. No citations were issued.

February 25

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, a summons was issued to Jason T. Growcock, 25, Maryville, for not having the under 19 ordinance posted.

■ An officer observed Terry L. Steinman, 42, Maryville, urinating in the 200 block of East Third Street. He was issued a summons for indecent exposure.

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, an officer asked Jason R. Pennington for identification but he did not have it with him. Pennington said he was 21 but when he was asked his date of birth he said he was only 20. Pennington was issued a summons for giving false information to an officer.

February 26

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, a summons was issued to Phillip M. Lano, 25, Maryville, for not having the under 19 ordinance posted. A summons was

also issued to William S. Ross, 20, Maryville, for possession of an alcoholic beverage.

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of North Main Street, an officer observed a vehicle driving in the parking lanes then swerve back into traffic, crossing the centerline. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Donald C. Smith, 21, Maryville, and an odor of intoxicants was detected. Smith was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not complete successfully. He was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 27

■ An officer observed Jason D. Tomlinson, 19, Maryville, carrying a temporary stop sign and went inside a residence in the 400 block of North Mulberry Street. Tomlinson was issued a summons for larceny and was released after posting bond.

■ Adam R. Chadwick and Jason W. Bradshaw, both of Maryville, were both traveling north on Main Street. Bradshaw stopped in traffic and Chadwick struck his vehicle in the rear. A citation was issued to Chadwick for careless and imprudent driving.

February 28

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West Second Street, an officer observed a male subject carrying a can

and then observed him setting the can down. He was identified as Jason E. Taylor, 18, Maryville. After it was determined the can contained an alcoholic beverage, he was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer observed a vehicle off the roadway in the 700 block of West South Avenue and the driver was not present at the scene. Contact was later made with the driver, Christopher Norman, 19, Maryville, who said he had swerved to miss an animal and left the roadway. He was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment in the 300 block of North Market Street, an officer observed a female subject holding a plastic cup. When she saw the officer, she set the cup down. She was identified as Amy D. Utech, 19, Maryville. After it was determined the cup contained an alcoholic beverage, she was issued a summons for minor in possession.

March 2

■ Megan R. Marino, Maryville, was traveling east on Ninth Street. She pulled into the path of Jaime L. Crink, Maryville, who was southbound on Walnut Street. Marino was issued a citation for failure to yield.

March 3

■ Wanda L. Vinzant, Maryville, was stopped in traffic on East Water Street when she was struck from behind by Marvin L. Wiley. Wiley was issued a citation for failure to maintain highest degree of care.

Obituaries

Donald Sims

Donald Dean Sims, 58, Maryville, died Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Nov. 20, 1939, to Elmer and Zella Sims in Grand Junction, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife, Elinor; two daughters, Letitia Ireland and Stephanie Swink; one son, Raymond Sims; his mother; two brothers; four sisters; four grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 21 at the Grand Junction First Presbyterian Church in Grand Junction, Iowa.

Sylvia Glass

Sylvia Glass, 78, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Oct. 2, 1919, to Henry and Elizabeth Turner in Barnesboro, Pa.

Survivors include her husband, Harry; one daughter, Carol King; one brother; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 23 at the First Baptist Church in Maryville.

Lola Houston

Lola Marie Houston, 88, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born July 11, 1909, to Earl and Mary Huey in Maryville.

Survivors include four sisters and four brothers.

Services were Feb. 23 at the Swanson-Price Funeral Home Chapel in Hopkins.

Madeline Herrington

Madeline West Herrington, 78, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born June 22, 1919, to Marion and Hazel Fine.

Survivors include her husband, Everett; three sons, Lowell West, Gerald West and Rick West; one daughter, Sharon Robison; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 22 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Wilma Corsuch

Wilma Schneider Corsuch, 77, Barnard, died Feb. 22 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born May 13, 1920, to Claude and Nora Davidson.

Survivors include one son, John Schneider; three daughters, Nancy Redmond, Rena Puckett and Sandra Murphy; two brothers; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 25 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Irene Powell

Irene M. Powell, 84, Maryville, died Feb. 25 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born May 18, 1913, to Payton and Ida Matthews in Kyla, Mont.

Survivors include two sons, Richard and Robert Pope; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 28 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Lois Lewellen

Lois Margaret Lewellen, 82, Maryville, died Feb. 28 at her home.

She was born June 23, 1915, to Arthur and Alma Hunt near Ravenwood.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Atkins; one brother; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were March 3 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

New Arrivals

Joseph Thomas McClurg

Donald and Melanie McClurg, Maryville, are the parents of Joseph Thomas, born Feb. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Bernard and Margaret Frueh, Maryville, and Gerald and Kae McClurg, Nelson.

Josie SueAnn Patton

Jeff and Melinda Patton, Maryville, are the parents of Josie SueAnn, born Feb. 23 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Grandparents are Jim and Sue Dodge, North Bend, Neb., and Bill and Monica Patton, Ravenwood.

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Women win MIAA track championship

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Showing the true measure of a champion — that's what the men's and women's indoor track teams did at the MIAA conference championship, Sunday and Monday in Warrensburg.

The women won their fifth-consecutive conference championship and repeated as MIAA indoor champions. The indoor championship is the second jewel on the team's way to another triple crown performance.

The team left the competition in the dust, picking up 134 points. The nearest competitor was Emporia State at 95, living up to their first-place ranking in the pre-meet poll.

Junior Brandy Haan placed first and broke the school record in the 55-meter dash again this week (7.06 seconds), just one hundredth of a second off the automatic qualification mark. Haan also broke the school record in the 200-meter dash (24.8), winning that event as well.

Haan led the team along with senior Julie Humphreys, junior Lindsey Borgstadt and senior Jacshelle Sasser.

Humphreys finished first in the weight throw with a toss of 55-8 1/2, breaking the school, conference and building record, and third in the shot put (44 3/4).

Sasser's jump of 5-6 1/2 won the high jump, while a leap of 38-4 1/2 placed her second in the triple jump.

Borgstadt scored for the 'Cats placing second in both the 3,000 and 5,000-meter run, provisionally qualifying in the 5,000 (18:06.03).

Junior Elisa Koch broke the school record in the 600-yard run (1:28.07), which was good enough to place her fourth in the event.

The women placed in 13 of the 16 events, and had 22 personal bests — 20 of which came from running events.

"We scored points in things we didn't last year," head coach Vicki Wooton said. "We are very pleased with the women's performances. They had an exceptionally fine meet."

Winning the championship was not easy for the women, although they led in points from the beginning of the meet.

"It was fun and exciting winning," Wooton said. "We knew we could do it. The women really supported each other. The team concept will win championships but individual stars won't — this was a total team effort."

The 'Cats also impressed coach Bud Williams by showing they really deserved the championship.

"The women ran, jumped and threw like true champions," Williams



Wendy Broker/University Sports Editor
Women's track coaches Bud Williams and Vicki Wooton show off the MIAA championship trophy the team won in Warrensburg.

said. "They should be proud and enjoy their successes so far this year, as we prepare for nationals and look forward to the outdoor season."

Nine of the women will try to improve times and distances along with national ranking this weekend at the NCAA qualifying meet in Ames, Iowa.

Men place fifth at conference meet

The men's team improved individually and overall by bringing

home 18 personal bests out of 27.

They scored in all but five events and received fifth place Sunday and Monday in the MIAA conference championship. They placed four points behind fourth place Truman State University.

Senior Jon McAfee and junior Corey Parks were top finishers for the Bearcats placing second in the pole vault (14-11) and 3,000-meter run (8:46.75) respectively.

Juniors Jason Yoo and Robby

Lane along with sophomore Matt Abele placed third for the team in the 600-yard run (1:13.31), 3,000-meter run (8:47.29) and 200-meter dash (22.52) respectively. The 4x800 relay team of Yoo, Parks and freshmen Mike Ostreko and Clay Cox also placed third.

There were high points at the conference meet despite the fifth-place finish, head coach Rich Alsup said.

"If we look at the fact that we had lots of pr's (personal records), we can pull something positive out of it," Alsup said. "We were just not good enough on that given day to be fourth. We've got to move on. Yes, we are disappointed we didn't finish as high as we would like, but that's not on anybody's shoulders."

Although the men performed well, there were some disappointments.

The 'Cats also suffered an injury which could put one of the men out for anywhere between six weeks and the entire outdoor track season. Junior Don Ferree fractured his foot during the 5,000-meter run.

"We just have to get with it, build it up and do a little better in the outdoor season," Alsup said. "The team is pretty positive as we look ahead."

Five of the 'Cats hope to better times and distances going into the national meet at the NCAA Qualifier this weekend in Ames, Iowa.

Soccer club seeks players, sponsors clinic

by Debbie Lollmann
Missourian Staff

The Northwest women's soccer club is looking for a few good women to complete its team.

With the loss of four players from last season, the club has goals of rebuilding and focusing on a new season.

Spring practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the band practice field, located between the baseball diamond and the tennis courts.

Practices will increase to three times a week in the fall, with games on the weekends.

Their only tournament in the spring will be April 18 and 19 at Central Missouri State University in an indoor facility. Other teams competing in the tournament are Southwest Baptist University, Missouri Southern State College and Central Missouri State University.

Anyone with the will to play soccer can join. This spring is considered the off season and is a good time to introduce and condition new players. It is also important because in the fall there will be little time to practice before games begin.

"This is a serious team, and we play and practice seriously as well," head coach Greg Roper said. "But we also like to have fun."

Officers for the club are: Jessica Courtney, president; Katy Adams, vice president; Andrea Sacco, publicity officer; Karin Yarnell, secretary; and Natalie Shepard, treasurer.

Sacco, who is a junior, has been playing soccer since she was in kindergarten and has the experience needed to lead her teammates. She is also one of the founding members of the club, which began playing competitively last fall.

The team will be sponsoring a soccer clinic for the Athletic Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The clinic will be for area children ages 6 to 14. About 60 youths have already signed up for the clinic.

Those who attend the clinic will receive a free ball and three hours of working out with the soccer club. The fee is \$15 per child and includes the ball.

Soccer is not a very expensive sport, but the team still needs funds for traveling, equipment and uniforms.

The clinic will not only raise money for expenses, but help out young athletes, as well.

"What is most important about the clinic is making ties with the community and helping out the youth soccer program," Roper said.

The women's fall schedule includes games at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and at Missouri Southern. Home competition includes games against St. Mary's Leavenworth, William Jewell, Missouri Southern and Nebraska-Lincoln.

The club had a meeting last week to see who would be interested in joining the team. They are hoping for a good turnout of players. They also have high aspirations of becoming a varsity level team.

"The future of Northwest's women's soccer club becoming a varsity team looks promising," Sacco said. "Our inspiration comes from wanting to be out there playing and working towards being recognized as a varsity team."

To join the team, players must contact Roper at 562-1854, or e-mail him, at "roperg".

Roper also suggested that players need to get a physical and fill out insurance papers before practicing with the team.

'Cats playing Pittsburg State in Texas tourney shootout

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats will face Pittsburg State University in the first round of the NCAA Division II South Central regional tournament at 8 p.m. tonight in Canyon, Texas.

It will be the third time this season that the teams have played, with the 'Cats winning the first two.

Although Northwest has beat the Gorillas twice at home this season, they were both tough games, and the third shouldn't be disappointing, head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

"We know two things: we're playing a very tough team, but we also know we can beat them," he said.

Preparing for the first round game should be easier than a typical regional game, Tappmeyer said.

"It's a team we know," he said. "A lot of times you end up having to really search around at the last minute just to find out about your opponent. We're both going to know a lot about (each other) going into the game. It's a team we have beat, so we know we can beat them."

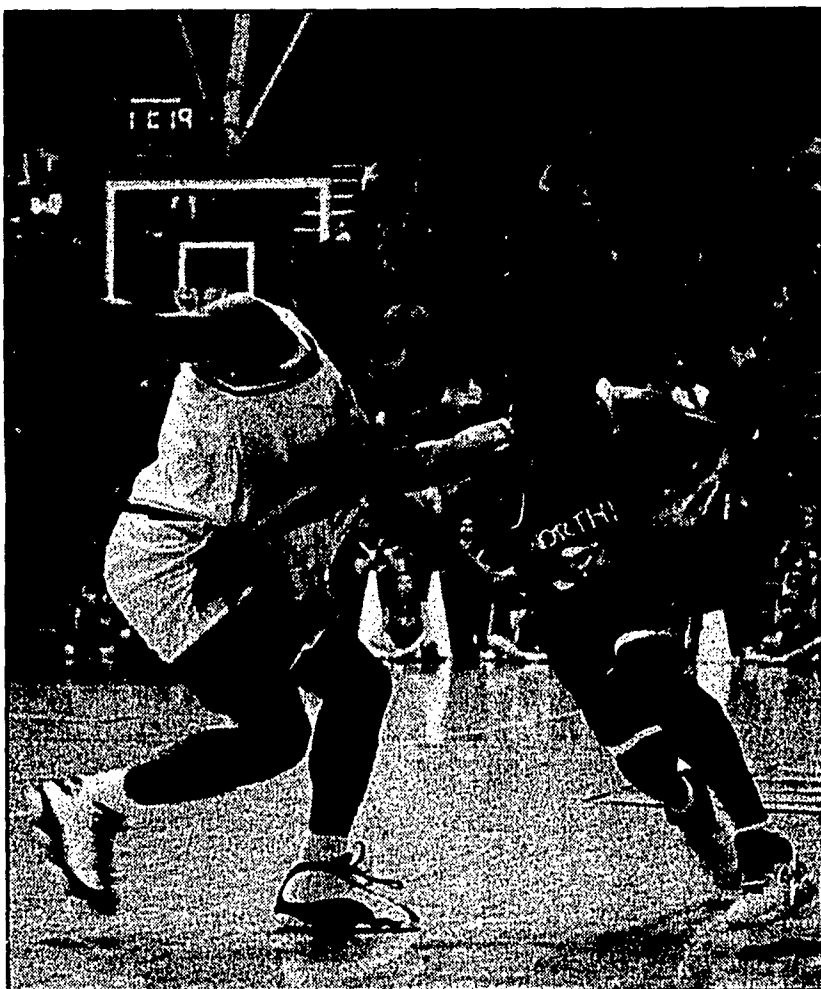
After Saturday's loss to Missouri Western State College, 65-52, the 'Cats fell to the fourth seed of the tournament after being No. 2 in regional rankings earlier this season.

"We pretty well knew when we didn't win at Western (Saturday) that we didn't have much of a chance at a one or two seed," Tappmeyer said.

The top two seeds are important because they will receive first-round byes. The winner of the game between Northwest and No. 5 Pitt. State game will play the No. 1 seed West Texas A&M University who is playing host to the tournament.

On the other side of the bracket, the Griffons rose to No. 2 seed after being ranked No. 7 in the regional rankings last week. They will play the winner of the No. 3 seeded University of Central Oklahoma and the No. 6 seeded Texas A & M Commerce.

The 'Cats have a chance to do something no Northwest basketball team has ever done — win a NCAA



Darren Papak/Photography Director
Senior guard Shakey Harrington tries to shake himself from Missouri Western State College's Jessie James.

Division II basketball game. The 'Cats are 0-6 in their three trips to the regional tournament including three consolation games.

Northwest attended the tournament last in 1989, Tappmeyer's first season at Northwest. They lost to Central Missouri State University, 78-74 and Angelo State, 89-80.

The 'Cats lost to Western for the second time at the MIAA conference tournament finals Saturday.

After beating the Griffons 65-57 (Jan. 28) in the first meeting, the 'Cats have been blown out twice, once at home and once Saturday.

After jumping out to a 14-12 lead, the 'Cats never led again. Northwest was unable to find their shot, shooting only 31.6 percent.

"Something that has been a problem has been getting to the free throw line — having a physical presence inside," Tappmeyer said. "When you don't get to the free throw line, you have to settle for jump shots, and you're going to have dry spells."

The 'Cats went on a seven-minute dry spell, starting with 1:37 left in the first half and lasted 5:19 minutes into the second half.

Bearcat baseball prepares despite inclement weather

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The baseball team started its season 0-3, but the biggest problem thus far has been the weather.

Northwest postponed its doubleheader against Washburn University Wednesday until noon March 12.

Last weekend's four-game series against the University of Nebraska-Omaha was also rescheduled. The doubleheader, which was slated for Saturday, will be played at 1 p.m. March 17 at Bearcat Field, while Sunday's contest was rescheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 20 in Omaha, Neb.

The weather has also affected the team's practices and has made the team angry, head coach Jim Johnson said.

The 'Cats practiced outside just two days before dropping three games, Feb. 20 and 21 at Abilene Christian, a team that had already played seven games.

"All those (games) make a difference," Johnson said. "We hadn't seen live pitching in a game since last October. That's a big transition for people to make. Unfortunately, we had to go to their homefield, without being outside very much. That really hurt."

Johnson, who has coached spring sports in the Midwest for about 30 years, said it's an adventure.

"There is never a surprise," Johnson said. "We know it's going to be hit and miss most of the time."

"It's just a disappointment when it's so hard to sustain any ground you've gained because you have to go outdoors and then you go indoors. You could be outdoors for a day and indoors for a week."

Although, the weather has slowed the team's practices, the 'Cats have many young players that may have productive seasons.

"We don't know what to ex-

pect yet," Johnson said. "We have a lot of new players. Some of them are young, so it's hard to determine. I think any time a guy puts on a Northwest Missouri State uniform, he has high expectations and we do as coaches."

The team believes it will improve its pitching from the 1996-97 season. The Bearcats also have more speed than they had last year, Johnson said.

"Things on paper look promising, but I don't have a crystal ball," Johnson said.

The team set a team hitting goal of about 3.10. At the same time, it wants to average about seven runs a game, and the team would like to have its pitching staff be under a 3.00 ERA.

"We want to be able to win the conference tournament, and then if we find ourselves in the top two in the conference, we should be getting a regional bid," Johnson said.

One of the Bearcats' top prospects is freshman Brad Nelson from Oak Park High School in Gladstone. He hit over .400 last fall and has started all three of the 'Cats games this season.

"He's playing a spotlight position at shortstop," Johnson said. "At the shortstop position, you're going to be getting a majority of the plays, so he has a lot of people watching him. He seems to respond to pressure well for a young guy."

Pitcher Mike Hollister returns this year for his final season on the mound.

Although he started his season with a loss at Abilene, he was probably the Bearcats' most outstanding pitcher last season, Johnson said.

Sophomores Doug Clark and Kyle Janssen add to the pitching rotation. Both lettered last season as freshmen.

"We're counting on them a great deal, even though they're young and returning," Johnson said.

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Dragons burn 'Hounds

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The fire that came from the Cameron Dragons was too much for Maryville last Thursday night, abruptly ending the 'Hounds' season.

After ending Cameron's season each of the last two years, the Spoofhounds found themselves on the losing side this time. Their season ended at 22-5 after suffering a 68-49 loss to the Dragons.

"Overall, the season went very well," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "Any time you have a team that wins 20 games in a high school basketball season, let alone 22, it's a big accomplishment."

Kuwitzky pointed out that the team this year was virtually the same group that went 20-8 last year.

"To win 20 games in back-to-back seasons is excellent," Kuwitzky said. "They won some real big games. They did an outstanding job."

Kuwitzky believes two returning starters will give the 'Hounds a good nucleus for next year.

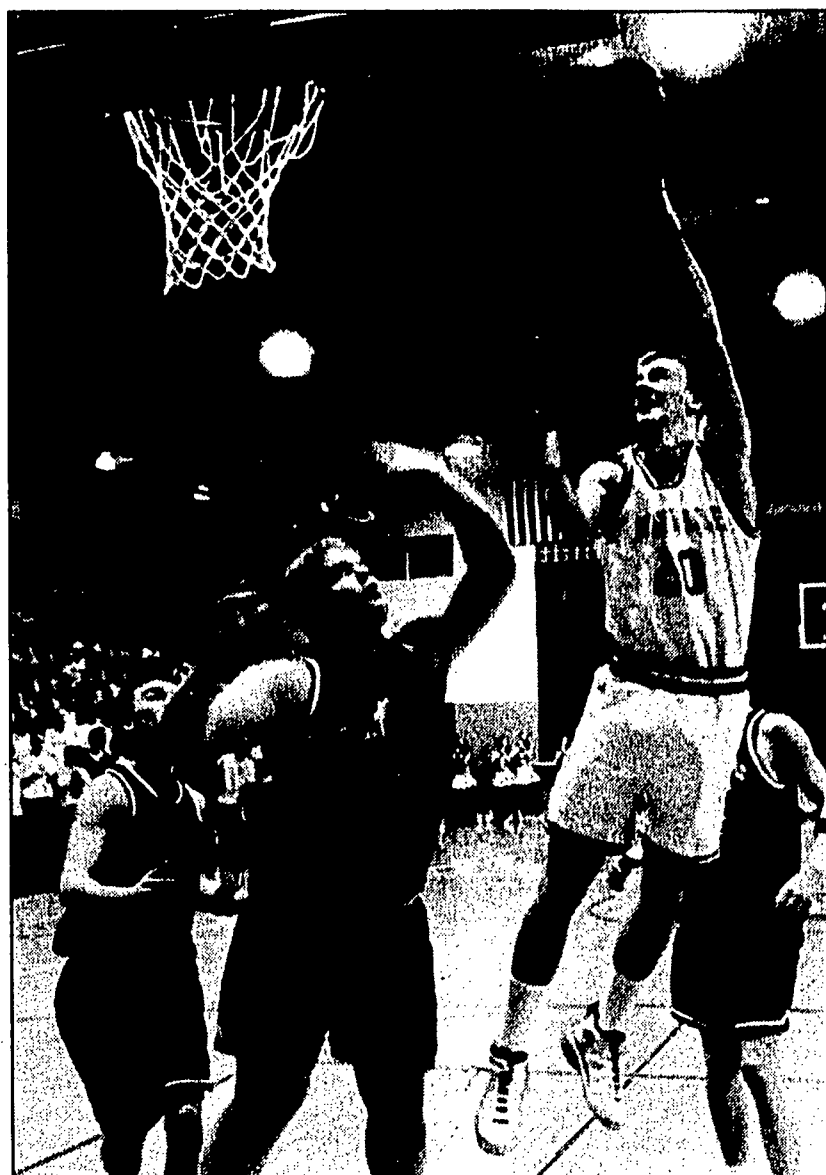
"We're losing a senior class that I was very close to, but now it's time to move on," Kuwitzky said.

After Cameron jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the game, the 'Hounds caught up and the two teams battled back and forth for the lead.

"They played really good," senior Tylor Hardy said. "They had some fire. We got behind and we just couldn't get it going."

Maryville trailed 29-20 at half, and Cameron continued to build its lead in the third quarter.

"I don't know what happened," Hardy said. "We just got anxious in the fourth quarter. We were jumpy."



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director
Maryville senior John Otte puts up the shot during the 'Hounds' 51-45 loss to Chillicothe earlier this season. The 'Hounds finished the year 22-5.

Player undeserving of criticism for breaking Connecticut record

Most athletes would tell you records do not mean much to them. They thrive on team success, rather than individual accomplishments.

If you believe in that theory, the Connecticut basketball team's 4-point overtime victory over Villanova last week should satisfy injured star Nykesha Sales.

And, at least for her, the Huskies' win was enough.

Sales ruptured her Achilles' tendon during Connecticut's win over Notre Dame one game earlier. Her season was over. She would finish her college career one point shy of the Huskies' all-time scoring title.

However, coach Geno Auriemma, wanted to give something back to the star player who had led his team to a 26-2 record at that point.



■ **Scott Summers**

With the permission of Villanova coach Harry Perretta, Auriemma put Sales in the starting lineup. The Wildcats let her score an uncontested layup, setting the new mark at 2,178 points.

After the basket, Connecticut called a timeout and removed Sales from the contest. In return for the record, the Huskies allowed the Wildcats an uncontested shot, tying the game, 2-2.

Did the Connecticut coach do the right thing by asking Villanova to let Sales break the record?

Auriemma rewarded Sales for her effort and heart during her Connecticut career, and there is nothing wrong with that.

Auriemma, not to mention Perretta and Villanova, did a classy thing by giving Sales the record she would have easily broken had she not been hurt.

It took courage for the two coaches to do what they did. They both understood some people would question their decision. They also knew how disappointing it would

have been for Sales to ride the bench the rest of the season while only one point from the scoring record. They decided the positives outweighed the negatives.

Many people may believe the record is tainted because of the way Sales scored her final two points. To a certain extent, this is true. I cannot argue with that.

What would have been more unfortunate is for Sales' name to be absent from the Huskies' record simply because an unfortunate injury caused her to finish one point short.

Sales did not ask to be inserted in the game so she could get the record. She is not selfish. Basketball is a team sport, and she understands that.

The coaches should not be criticized for allowing her the opportunity she deserved. Instead, they should be praised.

Sporting events these days rarely provide what Connecticut and Villanova did last week — heart.

Scott Summers is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Tigermania should end soon

Tiger Woods deserved to be honored as the 1997 PGA Tour Player of the Year last season, but will he have an impact this year?

I doubt it. Despite coming in a close second at the Nissan Open Sunday, Woods looks to be a bit rusty.

The 21-year-old long-ball hitter is



■ **Burton Taylor**

not getting it done as easily as he did last year, which is what I expected to happen.

Woods took home four victories last season. Other professional golfers could only sit back and watch him flaunt his driving ability.

Woods, your 15 minutes of fame are up kiddo, so take your Masters' jacket back home and practice putting. You need it.

Anyone who ever gets to watch him play will soon realize Woods is not all that great on the green. Sure, he can drive farther than most, but like my grandfather used to tell me — "drive for show, putt for dough."

Last season, most of the cameras were following the one-hit-wonder instead of others who deserved the spotlight.

Is Woods truly a master in the game of golf? He has the jacket, attitude and media coverage of a master, but does he have the consistency? He is old news, and I do not see him being successful in the future.

So Tiger fans, get ready to watch the future of golf take a drastic turn, and keep your eyes on Tommy Armour III. He is the new phenom.

Burton Taylor is a chief reporter for the Northwest Missourian.

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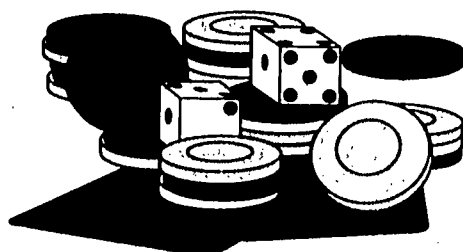
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Seniors make most of opportunities

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

They are two seniors striving for the same goal — to make it through regionals and keep this team together as long as they can.

Seniors Shakey Harrington and Brian Burleson have stuck together to form the glue that holds the 23-6 'Cats in place.

Both players, who say they are like brothers off the court, were a part of last year's woeful 11-16 season. Burleson was a junior in his first year at Northwest after transferring from Antelope Valley Community College in Antelope, Calif.

While Harrington only played in practice after transferring from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M., because of an ankle injury and the 'Cats already had a senior point guard.

"I told (Burleson) after the last game of last year, 'I promise next year's going to be a lot different,'" Harrington said. "We took it upon ourselves at the beginning of this year to step up and take responsibility to make sure everyone was on the same page."

The two stayed in close contact over the summer, to make sure when basketball season came around, everything was going to be ready.

"We would make sure everything was going to be great this year and make sure we stayed out of trouble," Burleson said. "Before we hung up the phone, it was always 'I love you man.'"

The love and leadership that the two bring to the team is something they both say was lacking last year.

"Last year, being the new guy, I didn't know how things worked, so I kind of sat back," Burleson said. "I don't think that was right. So this season, I wanted to make sure we had good leadership."

Harrington and Burleson set out to erase last year's troubles.

"Actually, I think we had more talent last year than we have this year, but we have a lot of guys who stick together and pull for each other and play tough defense," Harrington



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Shakey Harrington, senior point guard, sits down defensively against Pittsburg State University's Oscar Gonzalez. Harrington was named the MIAA player of the year. Harrington will try and shut down Gonzalez again tonight when the 'Cats and Gorillas battle each other for the third time this season.

said. "I was sitting there watching (last season), and I couldn't do anything outside of practice. The thing that was missing last year was that too many people wanted to be the leader. We stepped up as the leaders this year, along with (junior forward) Matt Redd, and we said, 'we saw what happened last year and we weren't going to let that happen again.'"

The 'Cats accomplishments are testament to that — MIAA co-conference champs, a 13-3 conference record and a bid to the postseason tournament. The teams togetherness and close knit atmosphere are the foundation of their accomplishments.

"I've been on a lot of good teams, but this is the first team I can honestly say that you never see jealousy or animosity between teammates," Harrington said. "We all love each other."

The seniors not only lead with words, they set examples for the rest of team to follow. In practice they encourage everyone. When Harrington takes a charge in practice, Burleson is the first from the sidelines to help him up and slap him on the rear.

"I'm around a great bunch of guys," Harrington said. "Everyone supports each other and tries for a common goal. Everyone works hard and good things have been happening for us."

Defense has been a big part of the team this year, and the seniors have been the catalysts of the defense.

"Coach (Steve Tappmeyer) always says that I set the defensive tone, so when everyone sees me down they all get ready to go," Harrington said. "When we play good defense, you see everybody on the floor and taking

charges. We get things going and we're having fun."

Defense is one of the biggest differences for this team that was picked in the pre-season MIAA coaches' poll to finish No. 6.

"We made sure everyone knew we were going to have to play defense," Harrington said. "I mean every game we have won this season was because of our defense, not because of big-name players. Regardless of what your offense is doing every night, if you play your defense you can always win games."

The seniors' close relationship off the court has evolved into a closeness throughout the whole team, they said.

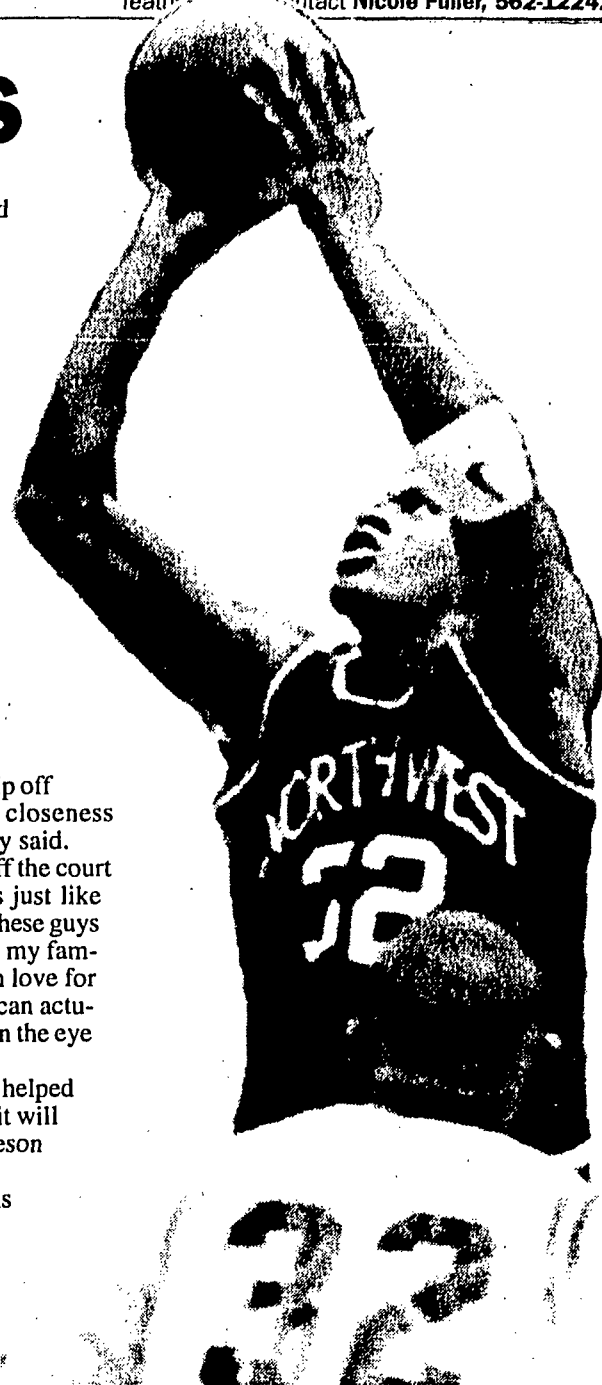
"We have just as much fun off the court as on it," Harrington said. "It's just like living with my family. I'm with these guys so much they make me not miss my family so much. I have just as much love for these guys as my own family. I can actually look everyone one of them in the eye and tell them that I love them."

Becoming so close may have helped make the team much better, but it will be hard when it is all over, Burleson said.

"Everyone has got so close this year, I wouldn't doubt if at the banquet or the last day of school, there were tears shed," he said.

Although, the good-bye could be eased if it is after the postgame celebration at the national championship.

"I hope we go all the way through, because I don't want this to ever end," Harrington said.



Darren Papek/Photography Director

Senior forward Brian Burleson raises up for a jumper. Burleson is in his second season with the 'Cats after transferring from Antelope Community College in California. Burleson and Harrington are the lone seniors on this year's squad.

Teammates capture childhood days

by Collin McDonough
Managing Editor

For three members of this year's Bearcat basketball team, it's like reliving the glory days of their youth.

Matt Redd, Mike Morley and Phil Simpson have played together on AAU basketball teams since the sixth grade and this year they joined forces again.

All three remember first playing together in sixth grade when they played over 70 games.

The trio played five to six games a weekend and made the national AAU tournament twice going up against Division I and NBA-caliber players.

Albert White of the University of Missouri and Stephon Marbury of the Minnesota Timberwolves were on teams that the three competed against.

Simpson said his favorite moment with his two teammates is when they played against Derek Hood's AAU team out of Kansas City.

"We beat them and it was pretty much a Kansas City all-star team," Simpson said. "We were based in Maryville and they were thinking we were farm kids."

Del Morley, Mike's father, said he remembers the three playing together as youngsters and them beating tougher opponents.

"A lot of times they would beat teams that had more talent," Del said. "They overcame their lack of physical talent and played within themselves."

Simpson went to high school at Lafayette in St. Joseph, while Redd and Morley went to Maryville High School. So the three battled each other in MEC games as well.

Simpson said they played each other twice a year but Maryville always won.

"We played pretty well but we could never get them," Simpson said. "The only time we beat them was in eighth grade."



Darren Papek/Photography Director

After high school, both Redd and Simpson attended Northwest, while Morley attended Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa.

Coming back to Maryville never entered into Morley's mind until a call from Simpson.

"I didn't think I'd come at all," Morley said. "I had been offered a scholarship in Indiana, but Phil called and basically talked me into coming here."

Redd was comfortable with Morley on the team, because he knew what he could do.

"I knew he wasn't your average juco (junior college) player," Redd said. "I knew he'd fit right into the system."

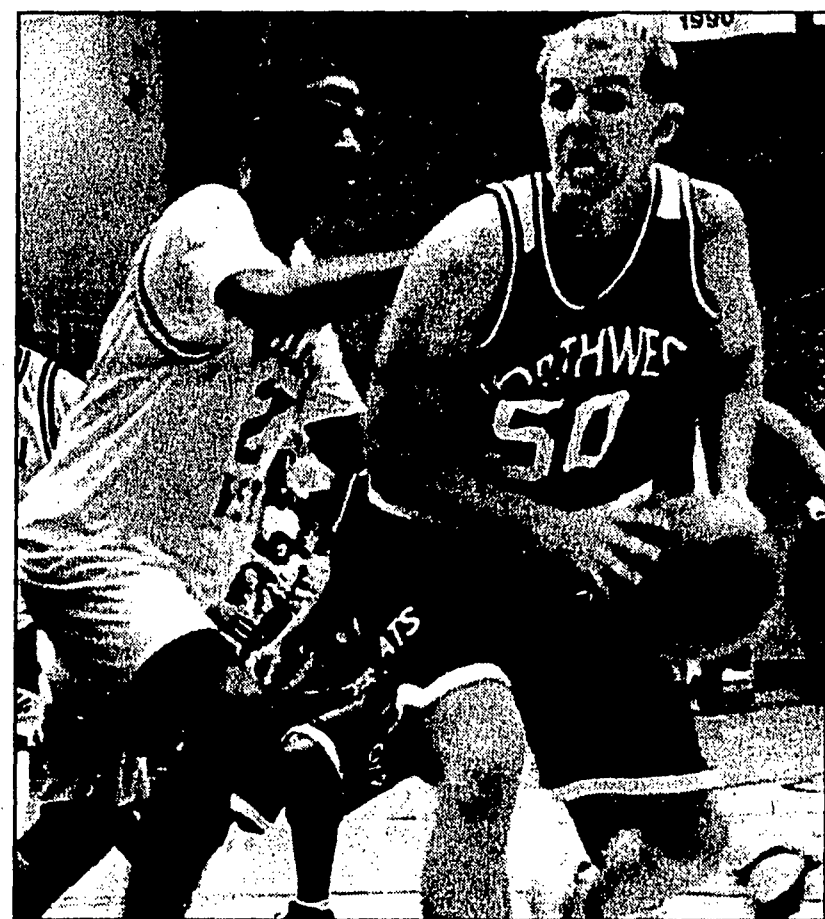
Coming back to Maryville and enjoying the success the team is having this year brings back good memories for Morley.

"It's kind of like reliving our moments," Morley said. "I hope we can make it that far again."

These three will get their chance to make their mark again when they battle Pittsburg State University Thursday in Canyon, Texas.



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Phil Simpson, Mike Morley, Brandon Wels and Chevis Johnson (left above) watch as the Bearcats dominate more action. (Left Below) Teammates since grade school, Matt Redd and Simpson enjoy their time on the court. Redd (above) lunged toward the hoop in hopes of drawing a foul against Missouri Western State College's Traveon Parks. Redd, Simpson and Morley joined forces again this season after playing together in summer basketball.

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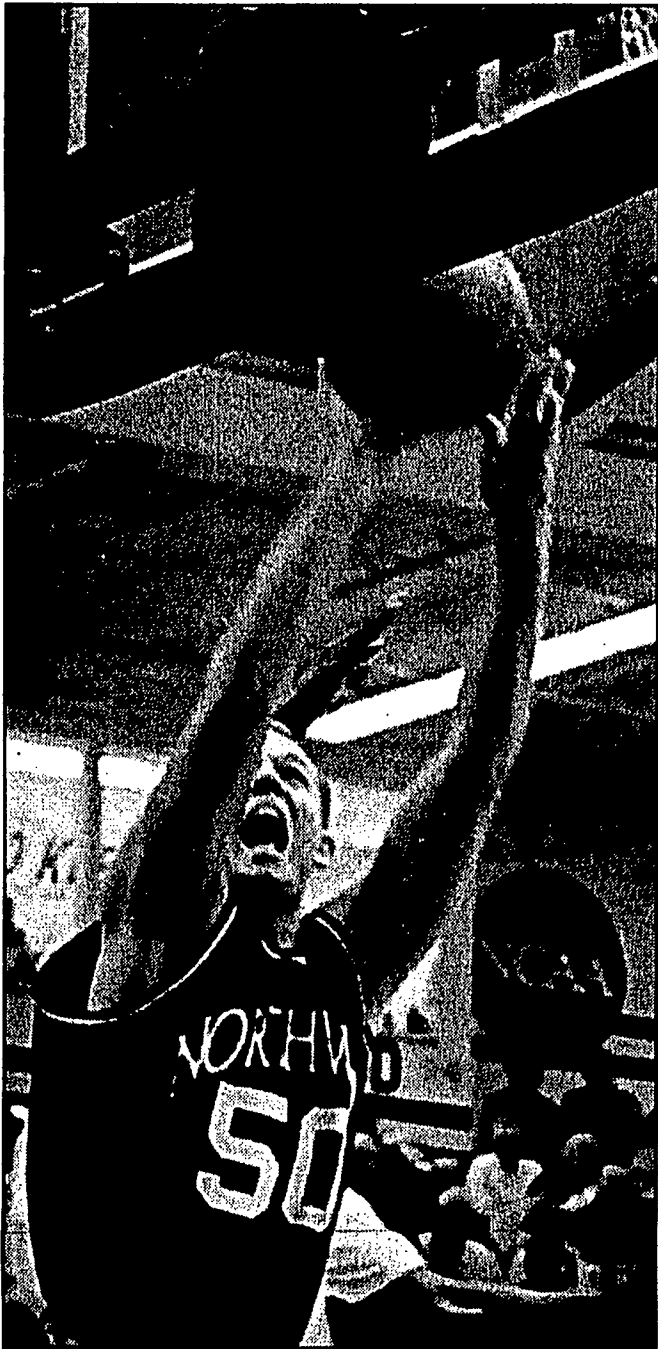
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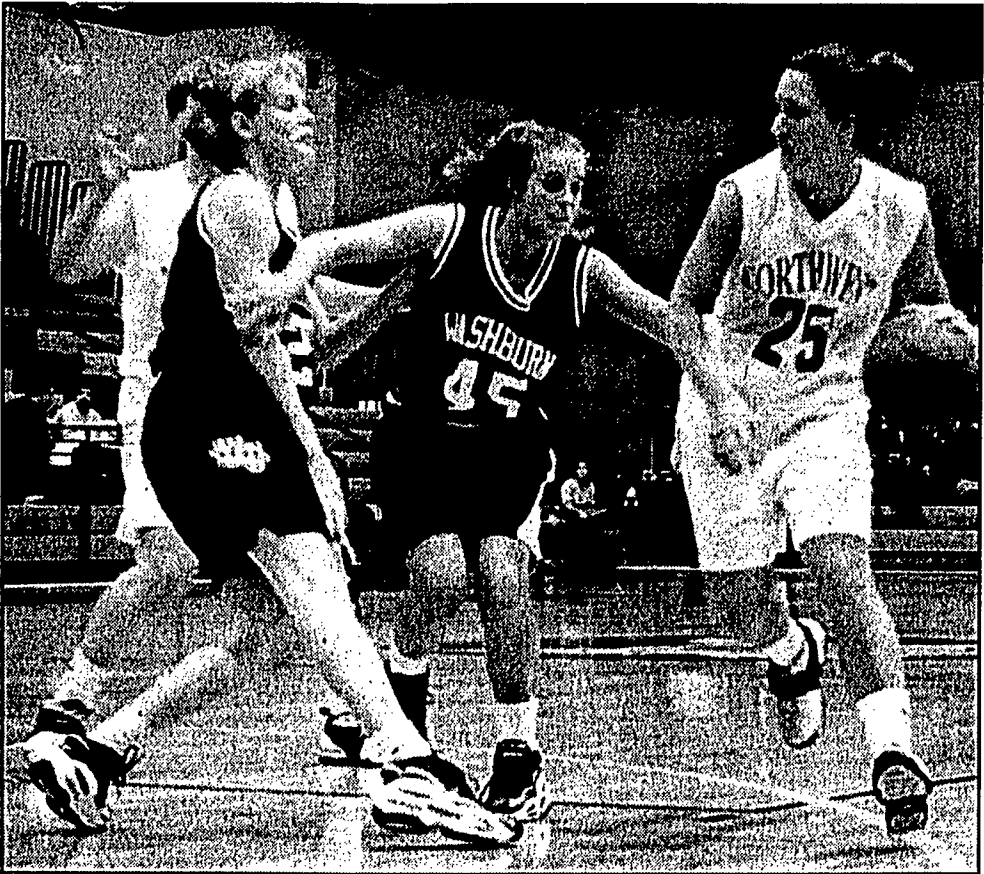
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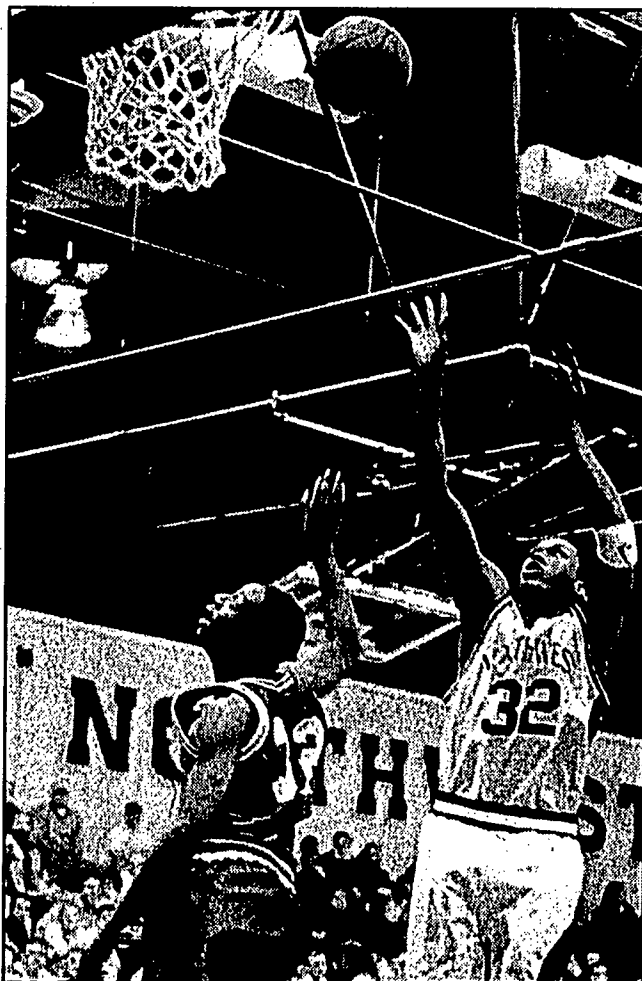
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Weekly Wanderer compares campuses; reflects on local issues

What a week. It really wasn't that we lost to Missouri Western twice that sent me over the edge. I really feel sorry for those kids going to nothing more than a glorified junior college.

What is that Griffon mascot anyway? I thought they were horses with an eagle face or gargoyles. I'm not so sure that thing wasn't one of the muppets before becoming their mascot. It makes you appreciate Bobby Bearcat.

I was trying to think of a new name for them. I like Users, it typifies their players. A different player could be the mascot for each home game.

When did the NCAA stop drug testing its players? I know it's only Division II, but is there not any doubt that over half of that team fails miserably. I hope you all kept your programs from either this Saturday or last so you can mark off the number of players who go to jail after their playing days are over.

It makes me proud to be a Bearcat. When the "Junior College" wins championships in both football and men's basketball in the same year — then they can talk. If they want to accomplish that, they'll need to start by not letting our football team score 50 points against them.

Note to the MWSC athletic director: Quit recruiting dimwits and criminals so then your school would start getting more respect as an actual facility for higher learning.

Oh sure, we have our problems too. The First Amendment is being trampled upon by the administration. Our own beloved Student Senate has become some sort of puppet government for the administration. This is a step up from being the parliamentary procedure club that they had been in the past. I suppose that will draw another well thought out letter to the editor.

Here's my take on the whole incident. Some people didn't agree with Sarah Brady's

speech. That is not unusual for Maryville. Let's face it, Jed Clampett would feel at home here. NRA support in Maryville is higher than support for wearing pants in public.

However, what was unbelievable is that someone (not necessarily Campus Safety or Student Senate) decided that passing out fliers was a threat either to public image or to Brady's safety.

Either way, they were wrong. If it was a public image they were afraid of tarnishing, the entire blow up about the First Amendment and all the local media attention it has gotten is much worse than anything those fliers could have started.

I don't think a threat to Brady's life was very likely either. Sure the car she was riding in may have gotten its stereo stolen, but when was the last time a high profile figure was murdered in Maryville?

It's easy to detect that Student Senate does not have a clue what this posting rule is all about and how it is applied. Their defenses of it on "Maryville Tonight", in the *Missourian* and KQ2 have been some of the most uninformed and uninspired comments Your Man has ever heard.

In short, what happened folks is nothing short of a bad decision made by an administrator who feared that people expressing their opinions might shake up this sleepy little town.

To accomplish their brand of censorship, they used a little known or used Senate rule. They threw one by us.

I just hope the administration uses the front doors of the Administration Building some morning or looks closely at the University seal and sees those words.

Rooted in time those words mean as much now as they did in 1905 — "And the Truth Shall Set You Free."

The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the *Missourian*.

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

1. ___ Worth, Texas
5. Tamale base
9. Sonic ___
13. "Little White Duck" singer
14. Model Elaine
15. Nastase of tennis
16. Clammy
17. Beneath
18. Delta builder
19. Bravo, for a bullfighter
20. Contents
21. Cut in two
22. Clutch

DOWN

24. Roman statesmen
25. Doesn't depart
27. Cultured milk
30. Spectators at Army-Navy game
32. Drill
33. Auditor's initials
36. Malt beverages
37. Cries
39. Take it on the
40. Literary

monogram

41. Mind: Lat.
42. My Sister
44. Heavy
46. Legume, old-style
47. Filled pastry
50. Famed moralist
52. Put arow
53. Port of Hawaii
54. Mouse
57. Summoned the butler

FACE

58. Face coverings
60. "Splendor in the Glass" screenwriter
61. Coat rack
62. Assert
63. Actor Harry ___ Stanton
64. Before rock or tack
65. ___ the line
66. Expands

DOWN

1. Generic dog's name
2. The ___ Office
3. Apostates
4. Sound of disapproval
5. Eerie
6. Symbols of wisdom
7. 1992 Ecosystem site
8. Vane dir.
9. Halve
10. Antipasto item
11. Gretchy, once
12. Paris subway
14. Bird venerated by Egyptians
20. Fathomless
21. Horse father

Answers to last issue's puzzle

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23. Certain breads
24. Whammy
25. Wound remnant
26. Rangy
28. More than overweight
29. Republican initials
31. Take an oath
33. Brought into contempt
34. Toddler's muddy creations
35. Actress Archer
38. Remnant
39. Antony's
41. My: Ger.
43. ___ facto
44. Brought up the rear
45. Fastened with brads
47. Soil
48. Heidi's friend in Frankfurt
49. Passenger ship
51. In some other way
53. Bring on board
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Have you seen it yet? Assistant Professor of English Gregory Roper responds to students' reactions to his Select 2000 column on the web this week. Don't miss it! Let us know your thoughts on Roper's letter to the editor. *Missourian* Online: http://www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian/

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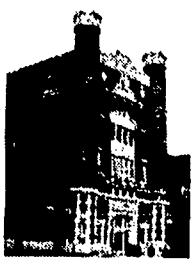
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Hoopsters scoop up awards in MIAA

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Awards started piling up for the Bearcat basketball team with the announcement of the all-MIAA first and second teams Monday. Four 'Cats received honors while head coach Steve Tappmeyer was named coach of the year.

Senior guard Shakey Harrington was named player of the year in the MIAA conference.

"It's a prestigious honor, but I really can't take the credit for that, I have to give half of it to my teammates," Harrington said. "We've all done it together; I didn't go out and win these games by myself. It's been a team concept all year, and I gladly accept this award on behalf of the entire team."

Senior Brian Burleson and junior Matt Redd were elected to the second team. Junior LeVant Williams was given an all-conference honorable mention.

The 'Cats will take their awards to the NCAA Division II regional tournament in Canyon, Texas where they will play Pittsburg State University, Thursday at 8 p.m.

West Texas A & M University will play the winner of the game. Missouri Western State College, MIAA co-champion also received a bye in the tournament and will play the winner of Texas A & M Commerce and Central Oklahoma Friday.

The road to Louisville begins in Texas.

For more basketball coverage turn to page 8 and 9.

Addressing abortion



Karen Murano and Paul Nevins rehearse their lines for "Keely and Du". The controversial theater production about abortion will run tonight through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and again Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Amy Roh/
Staff Photographer

Conference helps teachers productively use Internet

by Scott Summers
Community Sports Editor

Several Northwest faculty members learned this week how to make better use of the weapon of the future — the Internet.

The Stop Surfing — Start Teaching 1998 National Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C., focused on sharing ideas about how to use the Internet to assist teachers and make everyday activities in the classroom more productive.

Participants were able to attend a variety of sessions ranging from distance learning to building web sites.

Northwest teachers were glad to have an opportunity to visit with faculty members from other institutions across the country.

Gary Ury, computer science and information systems lecturer, said he enjoyed being able to get an idea of what other schools were doing with the Internet.

"I think that is one of the true values of any conference," Ury said. "(You can) get an idea of where you are compared to others."

"We're not by any means an expert, but we're up there with the leaders."

■ Jody Strauch
mass communication instructor

Ury believes the Internet will be the weapon of the future in teaching, especially because so many students already know how to use it.

"It's just another tool in the arsenal of a teacher," Ury said.

The biggest advantage of attending the conference was getting the chance to mix with people in other teaching disciplines, said Nancy Thompson, associate professor of computer science and information systems.

Thompson believes "technology will change education" and faculty members need to be prepared to manage it.

Northwest faculty members came away from the conference believing Northwest was well-prepared to jump into the new wave of Internet teaching.

"We're not by any means an expert, but we're up there with the leaders," said Jody Strauch, mass communication instructor.

Thompson also believes Northwest is on the right track on becoming the leaders of the Internet progression.

"I think what we found was (that) we are kind of ahead of the game," Thompson said. "We found out we're the leaders, not the followers."

Street department

Quest to fill job finishes

■ City Manager appoints interim superintendent for administrative position

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

The street department superintendent position was filled Monday after a three-month search.

Jay Cacek was appointed by City Manager David Angerer to fill the vacancy. His term will start March 12.

Cacek was the interim street superintendent after David Middleton resigned in January to concentrate on his Mozingo Lake superintendent position.

Maryville had been looking for the new superintendent since December. Although there were numerous applicants for the position, the city did not hire anyone until now.

Maryville offered the job to Cacek in February. However, he did not take the position.

"I wasn't ready (to be the street superintendent), really didn't think about it," Cacek said. "If you are happy with where you are, why mess with it?"

However, after two weeks of consideration, Cacek decided to accept the position.

"I talked to a lot of people about the position, and I thought it may be a big move for me to try," he said.

Cacek said the superintendent is an important position and he plans to do his best.

"(Middleton's) shoes are pretty big shoes to fill," Cacek said. "We will try hard to get the jobs done."

People who know Cacek were pleased with his decision to become the superintendent.

Ron Brohammer, director of Public Works, said Cacek had been doing well since he became the interim superintendent.

"I think he is a terrific young man, and he will do a very fine job," Brohammer said.

Cacek had been working for the street department as an operator for four years. Dale Mathes, City Council member, said it is nice for a person in the department to become the superintendent.



■ Jay Cacek

New position to help faculty use technology

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The Northwest Board of Regents approved the appointment of an Iowa State University professor to a new position.

Michael Simonson will become Northwest's Director for the Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning.

Simonson will provide leadership for the faculty members currently involved with the center and the modular learning program.

"What we're really excited about in Mike Simonson is that he really knows the issues of using technology where it has the right and maximum effect," Provost Tim Gilmour said. "What we hope is that he will see his role as helping as many faculty as possible to get their feet wet and ultimately to really begin to get excited about the prospects of the application of information technology and learning."

Simonson comes to Northwest from Iowa State, where he was the professor of curriculum and instruction, specializing in educational technology.

The University used a nationwide search and 80 applicants were screened for the position, some of which were Northwest faculty members.

"What we ended up getting was a person that is currently a national leader and is really interested in working at an institution that has (Northwest's) kind of commitment to applying information technology to learning," Gilmour said.

Simonson will finish out the semester at Iowa State, although he will be at Northwest various times throughout the semester.

An exact date has not been set for Simonson to begin his position full time, Gilmour said.

Simonson has over 20 years of experience in systems design and educational technology.

"He brings enormous expertise," University President Dean Hubbard said. "He's certainly one of the leading authorities in this country in doing this sort of thing. He'll not only provide guidance for the faculty that want to work in this area, but he also has a lot of insight experience."

Simonson received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Iowa State and his doctorate from the University of Iowa.

Over time, using Simonson's knowledge, Northwest can have a Center that will have a significant influence on faculty and how they think of the learning experiences they provide to students, Gilmour said.

First senior housing cooperative in Missouri breaks ground



Maryville residents break ground during a ceremony kicking off the construction of Missouri's first Homestead Cooperative of Maryville Saturday.

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

The groundbreaking ceremony for the first senior housing cooperative in Missouri kicked off construction Saturday.

Homestead Cooperative of Maryville, a housing complex for independent seniors, will be completed in November. The construction will begin in mid-March.

The building will be a one-story complex with 24 homes. It will cost \$2.4 million to build. It is designed for seniors, age 55 or older to stay in Maryville by providing a nearby community of peers.

"(Homestead housing is) mainly to keep seniors in Maryville instead of moving to St. Joseph or Kansas City for this type of living," said Susie Nelson, housing counselor at Homestead Cooperative of Maryville.

Carol Gregg, Homestead Missouri Project manager, was happy about the progress of this project.

"I'm very pleased (to be) a part of Homestead to work with the community of Maryville," Gregg said. "It truly has been the community effort."

About 10 homes have been reserved for people in Iowa as well as surrounding areas.

Anna Mae Volkmar, a reserved homeowner from Bedford, Iowa, decided to purchase the house because it was the closest one to her home.

Although Homestead is a corporation having 12 buildings in six Midwest states, Maryville's project is run primarily by local organizations, including contractors and board members.

"We try to keep as much as money as possible in the community," Gregg said. "So, we are unique in that way."

Through an invitation from Maryville, the Homestead project started two years ago.

"It's a super project for senior citizens," said Marlin Slagle, chairperson of the Homestead Cooperative of Maryville interim board. "It has been long time (waiting for this)."

By many people's supports, the completion of community for seniors that will feature an advanced security system and handicap accessibility has become realistic, Nelson said.

"I just want to thank everyone involved in this (project) because we could not have done (it) without everyone's help," Nelson said.

View Point

Center allows technological advancement

The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is good news for everyone at Northwest. This article addresses why this is so and presents the broad outlines of how the Center is expected to operate.



■ Tim Gilmour

The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is a positive addition for students and faculty for several key reasons. First, it helps faculty make learning more interesting and expands the scope of material they can bring to students in the classroom through the use of the Internet, the World Wide Web and other sources of computerized learning modules. Second, it permits faculty to break courses down into computer-based learning modules. By "modularizing" courses, faculty can allow students to move through a course at their own pace and can change their primary role from lecturing and testing to helping students learn and assess themselves in ways that best match their individual learning styles. Third, it will enable students who cannot come to Northwest to study to take much of their academic program at places and times that are convenient to them. (For current students, this should be a tremendous advantage because Northwest will be able to meet most of their professional updating needs in the future with this capability.) Ultimately, we believe, by combining all of these advantages, that information technology can increase the amount and quality of student learning at Northwest.

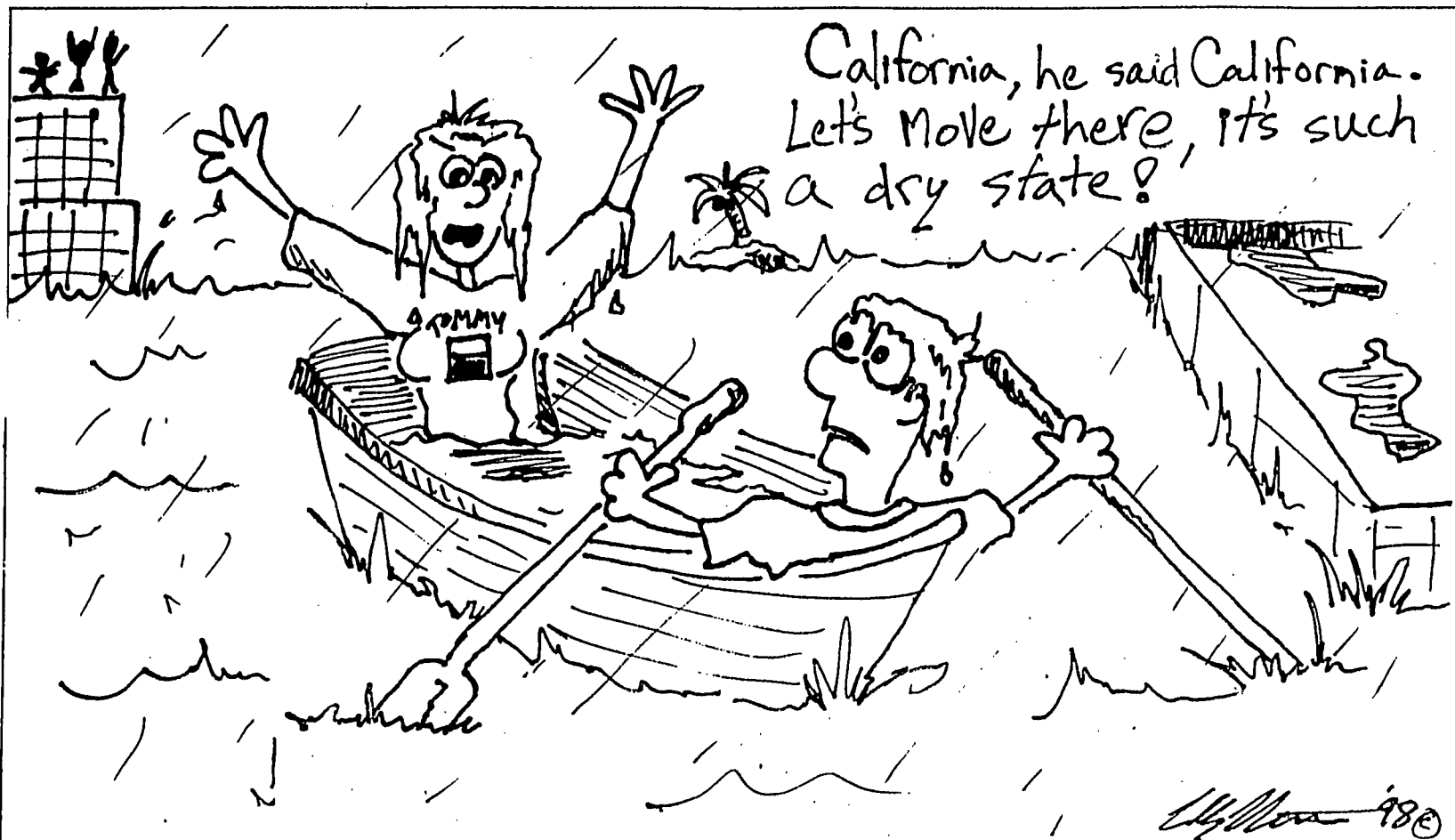
The Center for the Application of Information Technology to Learning is also good news for Northwest as an institution. First, as part of Northwest's mission enhancement funding, it places no additional financial burden on students.

Second, it uniquely positions the University in Missouri as the only institution designated for the development of information technology applications to learning. Third, and most important, if leading higher education thinkers are correct, the future of higher education belongs to institutions that are competent in the information technology arena. Clearly, the Center and the mission associated with it give Northwest a major competitive advantage in the future.

How will the Center operate? It is presumptuous to provide more than the broadest outline of thinking in this area, because we have just hired a director, Michael Simonson from Iowa State, to whom we have given considerable discretion in the design of the Center. What we have told Simonson is that we do not want the Center to operate as an "island" serving a few highly talented faculty whose full-time mission it is to advance the purposes of the Center. (At its full complement, in Fiscal Year 2001, the Center will have six full-time faculty positions.) Instead, we want a Center that pulls in a wide cross-section of Northwest faculty over time to work on focused projects, using release time and technology support from the Center, to advance their work on applying information technology to learning. In fact, these faculty would not be housed in the Center, but instead would stay in their home departments in order to share what they are learning as Center "fellows" with their colleagues back home. In addition, we want the Center to help faculty focus on initiatives that improve student learning processes using technology to accomplish that aim as contrasted to a Center solely dedicated to the development of information technology applications. With this design, we hope the Center will have an extraordinary effect on the University's overall competence in helping students learn better through the use of information technology.

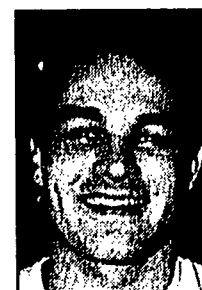
One caution. The Center's impact on learning at Northwest will not be immediate. We do, however, feel confident that by the time the Center reaches its full operating capacity in Fiscal Year 2001, its impact will be felt not only at Northwest but across the nation.

Tim Gilmour is the provost for the University.



It's Your Turn

Being that it is Procrastination Week, what do you put off the most?



"I put off washing the dishes and paying my bills."

Corey Johnson, public relations major



"I put off the most important things I need to do."

Brooke Moberly, horticulture major



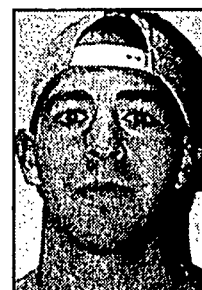
"I wait on writing papers."

Adam Smith, history major



"I procrastinate hard homework until the night before. I do the easy things right away."

Melissa Maw, elementary education major



"Studying for tests because I don't. So I guess I put it off too far."

John Haze, accounting major



"What don't I procrastinate on?"

Amy Kracher, psychology/sociology major



"I put off projects that are due two months away. I could do them now, but I don't."

Dawn Stritzel, elementary education major

Our View
OF THE UNIVERSITY

Students comply with dictatorship

Pride and tension reverberated off the four walls of the Missouri Western Fieldhouse Saturday as the Bearcats once again faced the Griffons. Crowd participation and fan support for Northwest was phenomenal. Northwest fans of all ages stood together to support their team — except for the upper echelon of our administration. Instead, they glumly sat esconed in their private corner of the gymnasium bleachers, segregating themselves and looking down their noses at the student population.

Two weeks ago, Northwest faced the Griffons at Bearcat Arena in a game that determined the conference championship. Northwest students showed up in droves, only to be turned away at the door. They were told there was not enough room.

For the fans fortunate enough to be able to watch the game, it was a different story. Members of our administration patrolled the sidelines like an elementary school cafeteria monitor. Not too loud. No



yelling. No shouting. No negative language or actions. No overzealous behavior, even for your own team. No running. No talking. Calmly walk to your seat, watch the game quietly and, win or lose, leave in a peaceful manner. Ask no questions of your peers or supervisors. Maintain order at all times. Speak only when spoken to.

And the students complied. What will it take to unite the students of Northwest to take action against the double standard that has been set for them? Even at a sporting event, students are not allowed the same benefits and opportunities as members of the community or visitors to our campus. Students are herded like cattle from one location to another, swiftly and efficiently corralled and admonished to behave.

Administrators meticulously walk the sidelines to assure that problems do not arise. Students are forced to ask for a hall pass to

even buy popcorn.

The basketball team is having an amazing season. They will compete in the NCAA tournament tonight and last week finished second to Missouri Western in the MIAA postseason tournament. Yet students — the greatest supporters of Northwest athletics — are not allowed to attend the games and are not allowed to vocally support their teams.

Is there any reason Bearcat Arena cannot be so full of fans, both for Northwest and our opponent, that it reaches maximum capacity? The stadium should be so loud that fans can still hear echoes of a Bearcat victory as the leave.

Administrators must decide what is important: forcing students to raise their hand to leave their seats at a basketball game, or allowing them to take pride in their school and to cheer their peers on to a well-deserved victory.

My Turn

University needs to open its eyes, make changes



■ Nicole Fuller

A spoonful of sugar may help the medicine go down but a whole bag of sugar will not coat the problem.

Northwest has several problems that it needs to stop trying to sugarcoat. The University needs to look at its problems head on and realize it is not perfect.

We have so much time to waste that Campus Safety sits outside Franken Hall at 2 a.m. watching the 15-minute parking zone just to give a car a ticket for being there longer than the posted time.

Instead, perhaps Campus Safety should be worried about the arising drug problem on campus. Campus Safety should also try to catch whoever seems to be pulling all the fire alarms in the residence halls instead trying to meet

their ticket quota, especially at 2 a.m.

Maybe I just need to point the problems out and they will get fixed. Shortly after the *Missourian* ran a feature on safety, I noticed lights began to appear on campus in areas identified as unsafe. Does the student newspaper need to mention the problems before the University can figure them out?

The campus needs to address whether we are a high school or a college. Last time I checked, we were a university.

I have noticed at basketball games how students are patrolled by the administration. Their actions and behaviors seem to be monitored.

This does not allow students basic freedom. At other college basketball

games, I have watched students go crazy. They yell, cheer and get all fired up. I see students without shirts having words painted across their chests. If a student tried that here they would either be asked to put their shirt back on or to leave.

We aren't in high school; we should be allowed liberties and rights. Oh, I forgot, this campus has a tendency to overstep people's First Amendment rights, but that's a different story.

The University needs to stop hiding problems and face up to them. Maybe once we solve these problems we can move on and say we are a "quality" campus.

Nicole Fuller is the assignment director for the Northwest Missourian.

Simple solution to worldwide, local problems — El Niño



■ Colin McDonough

There have been quite a few odd occurrences happening over the past months. After pondering about them for awhile, I have found a reason for them.

First, let's start off with the president of the United States and his alleged affair with the former intern Monica Lewinsky. Although Mr. Clinton has had problems in the past, this seems to be his biggest nemesis and here's my explanation for it — El Niño.

Then we had John Elway actually win a Super Bowl. This guy failed in three previous attempts and finally earned his ring. The only difference is that this time there was El Niño.

What about the Student Senate First Amendment issue? We have never had any problems with the First Amendment

before, so why not blame it on El Niño?

The Stroller has really struggled this year as well. I do not know about the four years before my time, but the only reason I can come up with as to why the Stroller is slumping — El Niño.

And for you Seinfeld watchers out there. There is one explanation for the fact that it is going off the air — El Niño.

Many are asking why "Dawson's Creek" is such a big hit. There is an easy answer — El Niño.

For the golf addicts out there searching for answers as to why this Casey Martin incident occurred. I have the solution — El Niño.

Some may ask why has there been such a rash of car break-ins in Maryville. It's simple — El Niño.

As for Missouri Western knocking off the 'Cats in the MIAA basketball postseason tournament championship, even though we are Bearcats, we are no match for El Niño.

Colden Hall was finally finished, and I know why it took so long. They were waiting until El Niño actually struck to see if it could stand up to its forces.

Now, we can just sit back and wait to see when El Niño will strike again. Hopefully nothing out of the ordinary will occur. But if it does, people should be prepared.

El Niño has already done some tremendous damage — so look out. It could strike at any moment.

Colin McDonough is the managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Correction

In the Feb. 19 issue of the Northwest Missourian, Frank Baudino was misquoted in the It's Your Turn section on page 2. The Missourian regrets this error.

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Committee to draft Creed

■ **Great Expectations** provides participants opportunity to address issues regarding quality

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

Improving the quality of the University was the goal of more than 100 students, faculty, administrators and support staff last Thursday.

Great Expectations: Quality Classroom Day '98 provided the opportunity to improve and develop a Student Creed.

The Student Creed Committee, comprised of 14 students, will make the draft of the Creed by early May based on information from the discussion. The Board of Regents will vote on whether or not to approve it at its meeting in June.

If the Board passes the draft, the Creed will be included in the Student Handbook in the fall. It will be used as a guide for students.

"(Creating a draft of the creed) is a challenge," said Kent Porterfield, vice president for Student Affairs and faculty advisory committee member for the Student Creed. "But at the same time, we have enough consistency in the course we have. So, I think we are going to come up with a pretty good draft of the creed."

The Quality Classroom Day was broken into four student groups, a faculty group and an administrator group after the opening session. Each group discussed areas such as expectations in the classroom, extra curricular activities and the University's environment.

Many concerns from the students, faculty and administration were presented at the closing session.

They found differences and similarities in the expectations of each position. Some students said they want professors to understand they have other courses. They said professors should not expect students to do too many assignments in a short time. However, faculty members said they expect students to keep studying.



Robert Aschertrop, one of 14 members of the Student Creed Committee, speaks with a group of students, administrators and support staff attended the meeting and helped develop a Student Creed.

Minority voices were also presented at the session.

International students voiced their concerns created from the differences in cultures and circumstances.

Angel Harris-Lewis, Student Senate president and Student Creed Committee member, was pleased about the outcome of the event.

"I think it was very beneficial," Harris-Lewis said. "While we were reaching the accomplishment, we

were having a lot of fun at the same time.

It was extremely interactive and cooperative in terms of having faculty, administrators and students all working together."

Harris-Lewis said although the number of participants were fewer than she hoped, attendants were from a wide variety of groups.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Board of Regents elects new consortium leader

by Stephanie Zellstra
Assistant News Editor

The position for a new executive director of the Northwest Missouri Education Consortium was approved by the Board of Regents Friday.

Frank Veeman, who is currently the dean of instruction at North Central Missouri College in Trenton, has been hired. His experience and involvement with the consortium among other reasons, qualified him for the job. He serves on the consortium board and is currently the chairman.

The consortium deals with the operating and financing, along with regulating class offerings within the consortium. The consortium is responsible for a number of programs. One of which includes learning via satellite for students at NCMC.

Bob Bush, director of healthy community initiatives, was the interim executive director of the consortium and said the job really entails working with the other schools in the consortium and mainly distance learning.

Other colleges and universities involved are Missouri Western State College and the University of Missouri-Columbia and several vocational and technical schools.

Because of programs and activities that Veeman has been involved in, Bush believes that he is the perfect match for the position.

"He is really a tremendous person, hard-working and can really think through the academic needs of the students," Bush said. "We are very excited to have him on board. He really has a level of trust with the schools that he will be working with and that is valuable, especially in this position."

Veeman also looks forward to beginning work with the consortium in

"He is really a tremendous person, hard-working and can really think through the academic needs of the students."

■ Bob Bush
director of healthy community initiatives

this capacity. He also believes this a great opportunity to work with distance learning and the technical schools who will be able to offer more classes through distance learning and the other larger universities.

"I am very anxious to begin working at Northwest," Veeman said. "I really see a mushrooming effect with distance learning because of the increase in technology and what we are able to do. And the fact that I am involved with it is very exciting."

The date he will begin is not known, although there are meetings planned to finalize those details.

Bush, who began his position in January, said he is very excited about it.

The initiative works with communities in the region to provide more educational opportunities for the non-traditional students.

It also works on diversity by developing younger leaders in the community and having them work with the older members of the community. He said he will more than likely be working with Veeman on several projects.

"It's not a job for me, it's a life," Bush said.

In Brief

ISO dinner, show provides culture

The International Student Organization is sponsoring its 18th annual International Dinner and Cultural Show at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Conference Center.

In addition to food from many different countries, performances from eight groups representing such countries as Japan, China, Turkey and Mexico will be given.

Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Services desk on the first floor of the Administration Building.

'Cat Walk promotes healthy life-styles

The fifth annual 'Cat Walk, sponsored by the University's Be Well Committee, will take place at 9 a.m., Saturday, in Bearcat Arena.

The walk will last approximately 45 minutes, and there will be a drawing afterward for prizes which include weights, a walkman and other fitness items.

Preregistration forms are available at the front desk of the residence halls, the main desk in the Union, the Student Services desk, the Public Relations office in the Administration Building and the Environmental Services main office.

Return completed forms to the Public Relations Office on the second floor of the Ad Building. Preregistration is not required.

For more information, contact Teresa Carter at 562-1580.

Senate sponsors Tower Awards, trip

Student Senate is sponsoring the annual Tower Service Awards and a Legislative Reception Wednesday, March 11.

Tower Service Awards honor students, faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for Northwest.

Nominations are accepted until March 17. Those eligible to be nominated for a Tower Service Award include juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty, staff, administration and support staff.

To nominate someone, pick up an application at the Student Senate Office. For more information contact Charice Douthett at 562-1218.

The Legislative Reception will take place in Jefferson City. Anyone interested must attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 in University Club North.

Team wins state; preps for Nationals

The Forensics team won bragging rights by winning the state team title for the second time in three years.

Northwest beat out virtually every school in Missouri to claim the crown Feb. 15 at Longview College in Kansas City.

Five Northwest team members have already qualified for the National Tournament in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Those members include, Justin Burton, Annie Chromy, Pat Johnson, Angela McMahon and Casy Wikstrom.

Residential Life leader moves on

By Burton Taylor
Chief Reporter

A contributor to the well-being of Northwest has packed his bags and continued on his trek of life, leaving behind his students, co-workers and friends.

Wayne Viner, residential life coordinator, has moved to Omaha, Neb. to work for Bingo King as a financial consultant. Viner's wife recently graduated from Northwest and received a job in Omaha causing both of them to relocate.

Viner worked for Northwest for 12 years and said leaving the campus is difficult.

With both of them having new jobs, Viner said they plan on planting their roots in Nebraska.

"I think we will make (Omaha) our home," Viner said. "But I will miss the people and students at Northwest."

Viner has noticed a lot of changes while at Northwest. He said being a part of those improvements was important to him and is glad he could help.

"I think that Northwest has made a giant leap and the school has really progressed over the years," Viner said.

Viner believes it is his time to leave the school and move on to other challenges. But he said there are qualities he developed at Northwest that he will carry with him.

Northwest has always seemed to excel in unity, Viner said.

"All of the students that come to Northwest have many ways that they can help others learn and have a lot they can teach one another," Viner said. "Which was one of the most rewarding things about working there."

Another reward Viner received while working at the University is experience.

"My position at Northwest helped me develop managing skills," Viner said. "I think that



Darren Papke/Photography Director

Wayne Viner gives his final speech thanking those who supported him during his time spent working at Northwest. Viner accepted numerous awards and good-byes Friday, Feb. 27, during his farewell reception. Viner was the Residential Life Coordinator.

the contact I had with others really enriched my life."

Viner will be missed by many, but all of his co-workers think he will be able to succeed in whatever he does.

"He is a very good person to work with and is very easygoing," Mary Jane Miller, residential life secretary, said.

Viner's job will be filled next fall by Mark Hetzler. Leaving on such short notice, left some unfinished business that Hetzler will be responsible for completing. The renovations to South Complex and the high rises are immediate as-

signments he has been assigned. The new room assignments are also a task being taken over by Hetzler.

Viner and Hetzler worked together for six years not only as colleagues but friends. Saying good-bye to Viner was not the easiest thing to do, Hetzler said.

"It is always hard (to say good-bye), and I learned a lot from Wayne," Hetzler said. "The most important thing is to be a student advocate which is something Wayne believed in."

Hetzler said Viner was an asset to the community and his presence will be missed.

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Little Miss Northwest, Miss Northwest, Miss Maryville

Pageant crowns trio

by Angela Patton
Missourian Staff

Music, dancing and bright lights filled the Charles Johnson Theater as pageant contestants competed for three different crowns.

Miss Northwest, Miss Maryville and Little Miss Northwest were crowned Saturday night in front of approximately 325 people.

Whitney Piper Wallace, daughter of Rex and Tracey Wallace, was crowned Little Miss Northwest 1998 by Taylor Wilmes, Little Miss Northwest 1997.

"When I heard my name called, I just got tears," Whitney said.

Shelly Johnson was crowned Miss Northwest and Carrie Odom was selected as Miss Maryville.

The 11th annual Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville scholarship pageant was sponsored by the Maryville Jaycees in conjunction with the ninth annual Little Miss Pageant. Two contestants, Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville, will go to the Miss Missouri Pageant during the first week of June in Mexico.

The competition actually began for the 10 Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville and 10 Little Miss Northwest contestants when they were interviewed by a panel of judges Saturday morning.

"We're going to just talk and have fun," Wallace said.

The Little Miss contestants must be 5 to 7 years old and live in Nodaway County. All but one of this year's participants was from Maryville.

"These are all girls they know, and they're having a ball," said Tracey

Wallace, mother of two Little Miss contestants, Whitney and Jordan Wallace. "As long as (contestants and their parents) go at it with the right attitude, and it's just for fun, then there's no problem."

The girls were judged on their five-minute interview Saturday morning, as well as an onstage interview with the emcee, poise, dress and ticket sales for the pageant. Money generated from ticket sales pays rental fees and funds scholarships.

During their onstage competition, they were asked a few questions such as what they want to be when they grow up. Answers ranged from being a teacher to a dolphin trainer.

"If you get up in front of a crowd and talk, you deserve to win," said Kay Owens, director of the Little Miss Pageant for the past eight years.

For this reason, a crown and sash was given to each girl.

Darbi Ellen Fuhman, daughter of Cammi and Rob Zimmerman and Tim Fuhman, was selected as first runner-up. Katherine Grace Kelly, daughter of Brett and Nancy Kelly, was the second runner-up.

The first and second runners-up were awarded a trophy and a second sash.

Whitney received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and a second crown and sash. She will also make appearances in the Northwest Homecoming, Nodaway County Fair and Apple Blossom parades.

Tracey's proudest moment was when she heard her daughters speaking in front of the audience.

"I think it's really neat they have enough confidence to get up there and do this," Tracey said.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville contestants competed in three events: swimwear, talent and evening wear.

Laura Lea, Lexington, was chosen as first runner-up and Regan Bramblett, Hannibal, as second runner-up.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville 1998 grew up together in Trenton. Johnson is a junior at Northwest majoring in elementary education.

"(Pageants) have given me a chance to sing onstage and have helped with my communication skills and self-esteem," Johnson said.

Odom is a sophomore at the University of Missouri-Columbia nursing school.

"Pageants have increased my interview skills," Odom said.

They have also helped her to become comfortable in front of a group of people, she said.

Miss Northwest and Miss Maryville each received a \$500 scholarship, an additional \$500 scholarship to Northwest or Missouri Western State College plus a \$100 scholarship from David and Alana Boyles, Maryville, if they choose to attend Northwest.

First runner-up received a \$300 scholarship and second runner-up a \$200 scholarship.

The Neta Derry Scholarship Award of \$250 for top interview went to Carrie Odom.

The Talent Award, a \$50 scholarship, was awarded at the reception to Lisa Sims, a Northwest student.

A reception at A & G's Restaurant Bar & Grill in Maryville followed the pageant.



Whitney Piper Wallace smiles for the crowd after being crowned Little Miss Northwest 1998 at the 11th annual pageant Saturday. Wallace is the daughter of Rex and Tracey Wallace of Maryville.

Library acquires technology

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Public Library entered the age of technology by making the Internet available last month.

The library received a grant for the hookup in last June from the Missouri State Library. It involves direct Internet access through the MOREnet office in Columbia.

"When I wrote the grant, I mentioned that there were people traveling through town who inquired about the Internet," library director Diane Houston said. "About a year and a half ago, there was a gentleman traveling, and he just happened to call us a few days ago to ask if we got Internet hookup yet. He was the first person to use the computer which was really neat for us."

The library has four computers networked to two printers, one of which is wheelchair accessible.

To ensure the computers are not tied up, each person must sign a policy which includes a promise not to play games or use e-mail. Additionally, people under 18 years old must have a parental signature before using the computers.

"This is the best source of reference that is available right now," Houston said. "What we are asking people to do is to use it for that."

A group called Internet Masters is available to help people learn how to use the Internet. Houston said the library will also offer classes.

The library received two additional grants for four more new computers, which will be used as online card catalogs.

Hospital renovations bring new families together

St. Francis obstetrics undergoes renovations; parents, infants connect

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

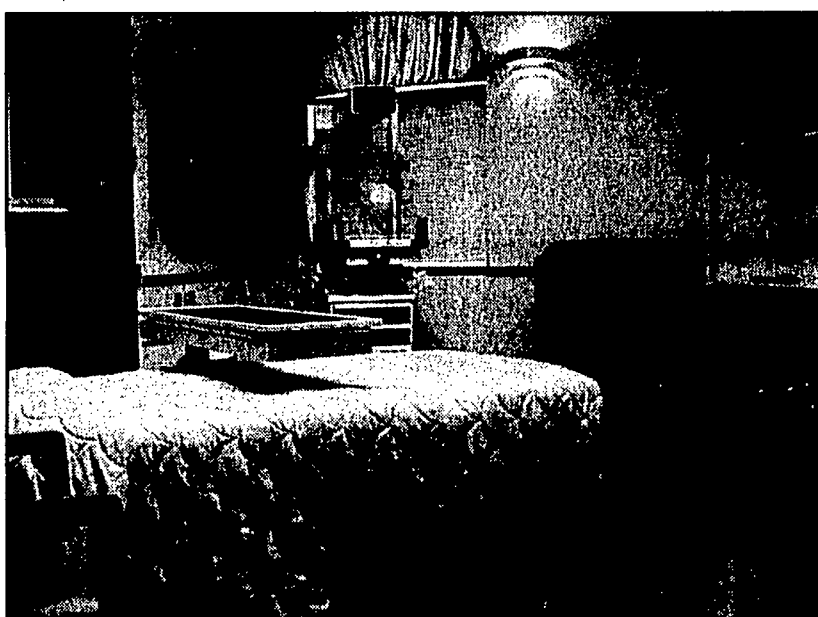
New mothers are enjoying their stay at St. Francis Hospital a lot more these days.

This is mainly because of renovations in the obstetrics unit completed last September. They include three labor delivery recovery rooms and five postpartum beds. The new setup allows the baby to stay in the mother's room.

"With the rooming (together) and getting to know the noises that the baby makes — knowing that they don't have to jump up every time they make certain noises — the mothers get more comfortable," said Kathy Brand, registered nurse and obstetric department nurse manager.

It may be difficult to tell that it is actually a hospital room once inside a postpartum room. Each room was designed to look more like a regular bedroom.

The motif includes a recliner, plants, a pastel-patterned bedspread



The obstetrics unit at St. Francis Hospital underwent renovations in last September. The changes make hospital rooms seem more like home and allow new parents to stay close to their newborns.

and wooden cabinets to hide electronic monitors and anything else that resembles medical supplies.

Stephanie Williams delivered her daughter Emily Rachelle Jan. 27 by

Caesarean section. She stayed in her room for four days.

"I thought it was real homey, and it made me feel more relaxed since it was my first baby," Williams said. "It

was really nice because they allowed my husband to also stay in the room with me."

The postpartum rooms are private rooms with private baths, with the exception of one double room that shares a bathroom.

"I think it gives them that chance for more privacy, without other families coming in or other patients," Brand said. "After the babies are born, they can have as many visitors as they want."

Another new arrival is the "We'll Come Visit" program.

Through the program, Karen Scholz, a postnatal RN, visits new mothers in their homes within 72 hours of being discharged from the hospital.

During the visit, which typically lasts one and a half to two hours, Scholz gives the baby a complete checkup, reviews breast-feeding with the mother and provides pamphlets regarding issues such as home safety.

"It was nice that she came to the house because mothers who have (Caesarean) sections can't drive for two weeks," Williams said. "She did a very thorough exam on Emily, and she brought a lot of information."

Treatment Center enters Phase Two of construction

by Steven Melling
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Treatment Center will be fully renovated by May 18.

The correctional facility is in Phase Two of construction which is estimated to cost \$4.1 million. Phase Two is part of the original plan and funding was appropriated by the general assembly for the state in 1995.

The expansion of bed space will be included. Two hundred new beds will be added to increase the total number to 525.

Other changes that will be made to the facility are the addition of classrooms for education and treatment as well as additional administrative space.

Along with the renovations will come the need for more employees. Facility Superintendent Bill Burgess said they currently have 213 employees including contract staff. Seventy-nine new employees will be added to fill one type of job.

"It's anticipated that 42 of those positions will be corrections officer 1," Burgess said.

Corrections officer 1 is the position where all facility officers begin. A job fair was held at the Northwest Conference Center to recruit new officers.

The remaining new jobs will be in a variety of fields ranging from food service to a librarian.

When the treatment center opened in December 1996, it had been a convent and school. Burgess described the conversion into the treatment center as "retrofitting."

"That's taking an existing facility and making it suitable for another purpose," Burgess said. "For us, it's taking (what was) at one time a convent and a school and retrofitting it so it could serve as a minimum security correctional treatment facility."

Phase One was the \$7 million conversion of the Mt. Alverno Academy and Housing into the center.

Burgess said the facility will be completed with Phase Two.

The Phase Two expansions were designed by Abend Singleton Associates, Inc. of Kansas City, Mo. Division Design Construction is doing the local construction.

Court Watch

■ Becky Busboom pled guilty to one count felony passing bad checks and one count misdemeanor passing bad checks. On the one count felony, the court suspended sentence and placed Busboom on probation for a period of four years. On the one count misdemeanor, Judge Andrews sentenced her to 60 days in jail, suspended with two years probation. Conditions include restitution on all checks by March 23 and check management program by May 23.

■ Samuel R. Morrison pled guilty to one count felony forgery and one count of felony stealing by deceit. He was sentenced to five years in prison to run consecutively with any other sentences. He was sent to the Department of Corrections to serve his sentence.

■ Bradley Gaskal pled guilty to one count felony sale of marijuana. He was sentenced to five years in prison to run consecutively with other sentences and was sent to the Department of Corrections.

■ Christopher Proffit pled guilty to three counts felony sale of methamphetamines, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one count of possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute. The court ordered a presentence investigation and set sentencing for April 13.

■ Joshua Moses pled guilty to possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute. The court ordered a presentence investigation.

In Brief

Basketball player shares inspiration

Motivational speaker and former professional basketball player Archie Talley will share his message today with middle school and high school students.

Talley will speak at 8:15 a.m. at Washington Middle School and 10:40 a.m. at Maryville High School. The event is open to all students grades 6-12.

After being born and raised in Washington, D.C., Talley traveled to a small town in West Virginia to pursue his college basketball dreams. Talley has collected a lifetime of experience to share through the challenges he faced during his youth and the greatness he achieved throughout his basketball career.

Talley was the Associated Press College Division "Basketball Player of the Year" in 1976.

He also became the leading college basketball scorer in the nation,

averaging 41.1 points per game.

He played with the Harlem Globetrotters and the New Jersey Nets. Talley scored 116 points in a single game in Germany in 1978.

Talley has been a nationally renowned motivational speaker since 1984 at schools, events, civic and professional organizations.

His 60-minute presentation will include "The Ingredients of Life".

Students will learn what it takes to be successful and how being an American allows them freedoms.

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Public Safety

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■ Vicki R. Egeland, Maryville, was northbound on Munn Street, while Virgil R. Albertini was southbound on Munn Street. Both signalled to turn left onto Third Street and both started to turn. Egeland continued straight striking Albertini. No citations were issued.

February 25

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, a summons was issued to Jason T. Growcock, 25, Maryville, for not having the under 19 ordinance posted.

■ An officer observed Terry L. Steinman, 42, Maryville, urinating in the 200 block of East Third Street. He was issued a summons for indecent exposure.

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, an officer asked Jason R. Pennington for identification but he did not have it with him. Pennington said he was 21 but when he was asked his date of birth he said he was only 20. Pennington was issued a summons for giving false information to an officer.

February 26

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment, a summons was issued to Phillip M. Lanio, 25, Maryville, for not having the under 19 ordinance posted. A summons was

also issued to William S. Ross, 20, Maryville, for possession of an alcoholic beverage.

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of North Main Street, an officer observed a vehicle driving in the parking lanes then swerve back into traffic, crossing the centerline. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Donald C. Smith, 21, Maryville, and an odor of intoxicants was detected. Smith was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not complete successfully. He was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 27

■ An officer observed Jason D. Tomlinson, 19, Maryville, carrying a temporary stop sign and went inside a residence in the 400 block of North Mulberry Street. Tomlinson was issued a summons for larceny and was released after posting bond.

■ Adam R. Chadwick and Jason W. Bradshaw, both of Maryville, were both traveling north on Main Street. Bradshaw stopped in traffic and Chadwick struck his vehicle in the rear. A citation was issued to Chadwick for careless and imprudent driving.

February 28

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West Second Street, an officer observed a male subject carrying a can

and then observed him setting the can down. He was identified as Jason E. Taylor, 18, Maryville. After it was determined the can contained an alcoholic beverage, he was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer observed a vehicle off the roadway in the 700 block of West South Avenue and the driver was not present at the scene. Contact was later made with the driver, Christopher Norman, 19, Maryville, who said he had swerved to miss an animal and left the roadway. He was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ While performing an inspection at a local establishment in the 300 block of North Market Street, an officer observed a female subject holding a plastic cup. When she saw the officer, she set the cup down. She was identified as Amy D. Utech, 19, Maryville. After it was determined the cup contained an alcoholic beverage, she was issued a summons for minor in possession.

March 2

■ Megan R. Marino, Maryville, was traveling east on Ninth Street. She pulled into the path of Jaime L. Crink, Maryville, who was southbound on Walnut Street. Marino was issued a citation for failure to yield.

March 3

■ Wanda L. Vinzant, Maryville, was stopped in traffic on East Water Street when she was struck from behind by Marvin L. Wiley. Wiley was issued a citation for failure to maintain high degree of care.

Obituaries

Donald Sims

Donald Dean Sims, 58, Maryville, died Feb. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Nov. 20, 1939, to Elmer and Zeila Sims in Grand Junction, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife, Elinor; two daughters, Letitia Ireland and Stephanie Swink; one son, Raymond Sims; his mother; two brothers; four sisters; four grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 21 at the Grand Junction First Presbyterian Church in Grand Junction, Iowa.

Sylvia Glass

Sylvia Glass, 78, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Oct. 2, 1919, to Henry and Elizabeth Turner in Barnesboro, Pa.

Survivors include her husband, Harry; one daughter, Carol King; one brother; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 23 at the First Baptist Church in Maryville.

Lola Houston

Lola Marie Houston, 88, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born July 11, 1909, to Earl and Mary Huey in Maryville.

Survivors include four sisters and four brothers.

Services were Feb. 23 at the Swanson-Price Funeral Home Chapel in Hopkins.

Madeline Herrington

Madeline West Herrington, 78, Maryville, died Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born June 22, 1919, to Marion and Hazel Fine.

Survivors include her husband, Everett; three sons, Lowell West, Gerald West and Rick West; one daughter, Sharon Robison; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 22 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Wilma Corsuch

Wilma Schneider Corsuch, 77, Barnard, died Feb. 22 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born May 13, 1920, to Claude and Nora Davidson.

Survivors include one son, John Schneider; three daughters, Nancy Redmond, Rena Puckett and Sandra Murphy; two brothers; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 25 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Irene Powell

Irene M. Powell, 84, Maryville, died Feb. 25 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born May 18, 1913, to Payton and Ida Matthews in Kyla, Mont.

Survivors include two sons, Richard and Robert Pope; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 28 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Lois Lewellen

Lois Margaret Lewellen, 82, Maryville, died Feb. 28 at her home.

She was born June 23, 1915, to Arthur and Alma Hunt near Ravenwood.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Atkins; one brother; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were March 3 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

New Arrivals

Joseph Thomas McClurg

Donald and Melanie McClurg, Maryville, are the parents of Joseph Thomas, born Feb. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Grandparents are Bernard and Margaret Frueh, Maryville, and Gerald and Kae McClurg, Nelson.

Josie SueAnn Patton

Jeff and Melinda Patton, Maryville, are the parents of Josie SueAnn, born Feb. 23 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Grandparents are Jim and Sue Dodge, North Bend, Neb., and Bill and Monica Patton, Ravenwood.

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Women win MIAA track championship

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Showing the true measure of a champion — that's what the men's and women's indoor track teams did at the MIAA conference championship, Sunday and Monday in Warrensburg.

The women won their fifth-consecutive conference championship and repeated as MIAA indoor champions. The indoor championship is the second jewel on the team's way to another triple crown performance.

The team left the competition in the dust, picking up 134 points. The nearest competitor was Emporia State at 95, living up to their first-place ranking in the pre-meet poll.

Junior Brandy Haan placed first and broke the school record in the 55-meter dash again this week (7.06 seconds), just one hundredth of a second off the automatic qualification mark. Haan also broke the school record in the 200-meter dash (24.8), winning that event as well.

Haan led the team along with senior Julie Humphreys, junior Lindsey Borgstadt and senior Jacshelle Sasser. Humphreys finished first in the weight throw with a toss of 55-8 1/2, breaking the school, conference and building record, and third in the shot put (44 3/4).

Sasser's jump of 5-6 1/2 won the high jump, while a leap of 38-4 1/2 placed her second in the triple jump. Borgstadt scored for the 'Cats placing second in both the 3,000 and 5,000-meter run, provisionally qualifying in the 5,000 (18:06.03).

Junior Elisa Koch broke the school record in the 600-yard run (1:28.07), which was good enough to place her fourth in the event.

The women placed in 13 of the 16 events, and had 22 personal bests — 20 of which came from running events.

"We scored points in things we didn't last year," head coach Vicki Wooton said. "We are very pleased with the women's performances. They had an exceptionally fine meet."

Winning the championship was not easy for the women, although they led in points from the beginning of the meet.

"It was fun and exciting winning," Wooton said. "We knew we could do it. The women really supported each other. The team concept will win championships but individual stars won't — this was a total team effort."

The 'Cats also impressed coach Bud Williams by showing they really deserved the championship.

"The women ran, jumped and threw like true champions," Williams



Women's track coaches Bud Williams and Vicki Wooton show off the MIAA championship trophy the team won in Warrensburg.

said. "They should be proud and enjoy their successes so far this year, as we prepare for nationals and look forward to the outdoor season."

Nine of the women will try to improve times and distances along with national ranking this weekend at the NCAA qualifying meet in Ames, Iowa.

Men place fifth at conference meet

The men's team improved individually and overall by bringing

home 18 personal bests out of 27.

They scored in all but five events and received fifth place Sunday and Monday in the MIAA conference championship. They placed four points behind fourth place Truman State University.

Senior Jon McAfee and junior Corey Parks were top finishers for the Bearcats placing second in the pole vault (14-11) and 3,000-meter run (8:46.75) respectively.

Juniors Jason Yoo and Robby

Lane along with sophomore Matt Abele placed third for the team in the 600-yard run (1:13.31), 3,000-meter run (8:47.29) and 200-meter dash (22.52) respectively. The 4x800 relay team of Yoo, Parks and freshmen Mike Ostreko and Clay Cox also placed third.

There were high points at the conference meet despite the fifth-place finish, head coach Rich Alsop said.

"If we look at the fact that we had lots of pr's (personal records), we can pull something positive out of it," Alsop said. "We were just not good enough on that given day to be fourth. We've got to move on. Yes, we are disappointed we didn't finish as high as we would like, but that's not on anybody's shoulders."

Although the men performed well, there were some disappointments.

The 'Cats also suffered an injury which could put one of the men out for anywhere between six weeks and the entire outdoor track season. Junior Don Ferree fractured his foot during the 5,000-meter run.

"We just have to get with it, build it up and do a little better in the outdoor season," Alsop said. "The team is pretty positive as we look ahead."

Five of the 'Cats hope to better times and distances going into the national meet at the NCAA Qualifier this weekend in Ames, Iowa.

Soccer club seeks players, sponsors clinic

by Debbie Lollmann
Missourian Staff

The Northwest women's soccer club is looking for a few good women to complete its team.

With the loss of four players from last season, the club has goals of rebuilding and focusing on a new season.

Spring practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the band practice field, located between the baseball diamond and the tennis courts.

Practices will increase to three times a week in the fall, with games on the weekends.

Their only tournament in the spring will be April 18 and 19 at Central Missouri State University in an indoor facility. Other teams competing in the tournament are Southwest Baptist University, Missouri Southern State College and Central Missouri State University.

Anyone with the will to play soccer can join. This spring is considered the off season and is a good time to introduce and condition new players. It is also important because in the fall there will be little time to practice before games begin.

"This is a serious team, and we play and practice seriously as well," head coach Greg Roper said. "But we also like to have fun."

Officers for the club are: Jessica Courtney, president; Katy Adams, vice president; Andrea Sacco, publicity officer; Karin Yarnell, secretary; and Natalie Shepard, treasurer. Sacco, who is a junior, has been playing soccer since she was in kindergarten and has the experience needed to lead her teammates. She is also one of the founding members of the club, which began playing competitively last fall.

The team will be sponsoring a soccer clinic for the Athletic Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The clinic will be for area children ages 6 to 14. About 60 youths have already signed up for the clinic.

Those who attend the clinic will receive a free ball and three hours of working out with the soccer club. The fee is \$15 per child and includes the ball.

Soccer is not a very expensive sport, but the team still needs funds for traveling, equipment and uniforms.

The clinic will not only raise money for expenses, but help out young athletes, as well.

"What is most important about the clinic is making ties with the community and helping out the youth soccer program," Roper said.

The women's fall schedule includes games at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and at Missouri Southern. Home competition includes games against St. Mary's Leavenworth, William Jewell, Missouri Southern and Nebraska-Lincoln.

The club had a meeting last week to see who would be interested in joining the team. They are hoping for a good turnout of players. They also have high aspirations of becoming a varsity level team.

"The future of Northwest's women's soccer club becoming a varsity team looks promising," Sacco said. "Our inspiration comes from wanting to be out there playing and working towards being recognized as a varsity team."

To join the team, players must contact Roper at 562-1854, or e-mail him at "roperg".

Roper also suggested that players need to get a physical and fill out insurance papers before practicing with the team.

'Cats playing Pittsburg State in Texas tourney shootout

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats will face Pittsburg State University in the first round of the NCAA Division II South Central regional tournament at 8 p.m. tonight in Canyon, Texas.

It will be the third time this season that the teams have played, with the 'Cats winning the first two.

Although Northwest has beat the Gorillas twice at home this season, they were both tough games, and the third shouldn't be disappointing, head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

"We know two things: we're playing a very tough team, but we also know we can beat them," he said.

Preparing for the first round game should be easier than a typical regional game, Tappmeyer said.

"It's a team we know," he said. "A lot of times you end up having to really search around at the last minute just to find out about your opponent. We're both going to know a lot about (each other) going into the game. It's a team we have beat, so we know we can beat them."

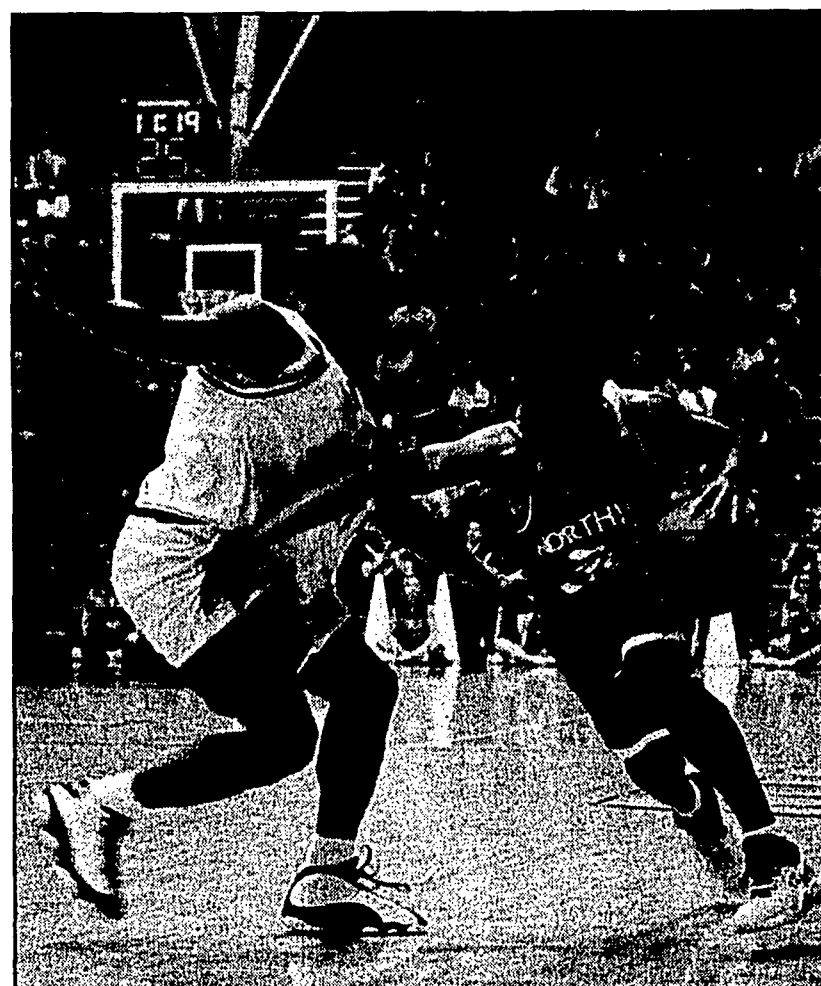
After Saturday's loss to Missouri Western State College, 65-52, the 'Cats fell to the fourth seed of the tournament after being No. 2 in regional rankings earlier this season.

"We pretty well knew when we didn't win at Western (Saturday) that we didn't have much of a chance at a one or two seed," Tappmeyer said.

The top two seeds are important because they will receive first-round byes. The winner of the game between Northwest and No. 5 Pitt. State game will play the No. 1 seed West Texas A&M University who is playing host to the tournament.

On the other side of the bracket, the Griffons rose to No. 2 seed after being ranked No. 7 in the regional rankings last week. They will play the winner of the No. 3 seeded University of Central Oklahoma and the No. 6 seeded Texas A & M Commerce.

The 'Cats have a chance to do something no Northwest basketball team has ever done — win a NCAA



Senior guard Shakey Harrington tries to shake himself from Missouri Western State College's Jessie James.

Division II basketball game. The 'Cats are 0-6 in their three trips to the regional tournament including three consolation games.

Northwest attended the tournament last in 1989, Tappmeyer's first season at Northwest. They lost to Central Missouri State University, 78-74 and Angelo State, 89-80.

The 'Cats lost to Western for the second time at the MIAA conference tournament finals Saturday.

After beating the Griffons 65-57 (Jan. 28) in the first meeting, 'Cats have been blown out twice, once at home and once Saturday.

After jumping out to a 14-12 lead, the 'Cats never led again. Northwest was unable to find their shot, shooting only 31.6 percent.

"Something that has been a problem has been getting to the free throw line — having a physical presence inside," Tappmeyer said. "When you don't get to the free throw line, you have to settle for jump shots, and you're going to have dry spells."

The 'Cats went on a seven-minute dry spell, starting with 1:37 left in the first half and lasted 5:19 minutes into the second half.

Bearcat baseball prepares despite inclement weather

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The baseball team started its season 0-3, but the biggest problem thus far has been the weather. Northwest postponed its doubleheader against Washburn University Wednesday until noon March 12.

Last weekend's four-game series against the University of Nebraska-Omaha was also rescheduled. The doubleheader, which was slated for Saturday, will be played at 1 p.m. March 17 at Bearcat Field, while Sunday's contest was rescheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 20 in Omaha, Neb.

The weather has also affected the team's practices and has made the team angry, head coach Jim Johnson said.

The 'Cats practiced outside just two days before dropping three games, Feb. 20 and 21 to Abilene Christian, a team that had already played seven games.

"All those (games) make a difference," Johnson said. "We hadn't seen live pitching in a game since last October. That's a big transition for people to make. Unfortunately, we had to go to their homefield, without being outside very much. That really hurt."

Johnson, who has coached spring sports in the Midwest for about 30 years, said it's an adventure.

"There is never a surprise," Johnson said. "We know it's going to be hit and miss most of the time."

"It's just a disappointment when it's so hard to sustain any ground you've gained because you have to go outdoors and then you go indoors. You could be outdoors for a day and indoors for a week."

Although, the weather has slowed the team's practices, the 'Cats have many young players that may have productive seasons.

"We don't know what to ex-

pect yet," Johnson said. "We have a lot of new players. Some of them are young, so it's hard to determine. I think any time a guy puts on a Northwest Missouri State uniform, he has high expectations and we do as coaches."

The team believes it will improve its pitching from the 1996-97 season. The Bearcats also have more speed than they had last year, Johnson said.

"Things on paper look promising, but I don't have a crystal ball," Johnson said.

The team set a team hitting goal of about 3.10. At the same time, it wants to average about seven runs a game, and the team would like to have its pitching staff be under a 3.00 ERA.

"We want to be able to win the conference tournament, and then if we find ourselves in the top two in the conference, we should be getting a regional bid," Johnson said.

One of the Bearcats' top prospects is freshman Brad Nelson from Oak Park High School in Gladstone. He hit over .400 last fall and has started all three of the 'Cats games this season.

"He's playing a spotlight position at shortstop," Johnson said. "At the shortstop position, you're going to be getting a majority of the plays, so he has a lot of people watching him. He seems to respond to pressure well for a young guy."

Pitcher Mike Hollister returns this year for his final season on the mound.

Although he started his season with a loss at Abilene, he was probably the Bearcats' most outstanding pitcher last season, Johnson said.

Sophomores Doug Clark and Kyle Janssen add to the pitching rotation. Both lettered last season as freshmen.

"We're counting on them a great deal, even though they're young and returning," Johnson said.

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Dragons burn 'Hounds

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

The fire that came from the Cameron Dragons was too much for Maryville last Thursday night, abruptly ending the 'Hounds' season.

After ending Cameron's season each of the last two years, the Spoofhounds found themselves on the losing side this time. Their season ended at 22-5 after suffering a 68-49 loss to the Dragons.

"Overall, the season went very well," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "Any time you have a team that wins 20 games in a high school basketball season, let alone 22, it's a big accomplishment."

Kuwitzky pointed out that the team this year was virtually the same group that went 20-8 last year.

"To win 20 games in back-to-back seasons is excellent," Kuwitzky said. "They won some real big games. They did an outstanding job."

Kuwitzky believes two returning starters will give the 'Hounds a good nucleus for next year.

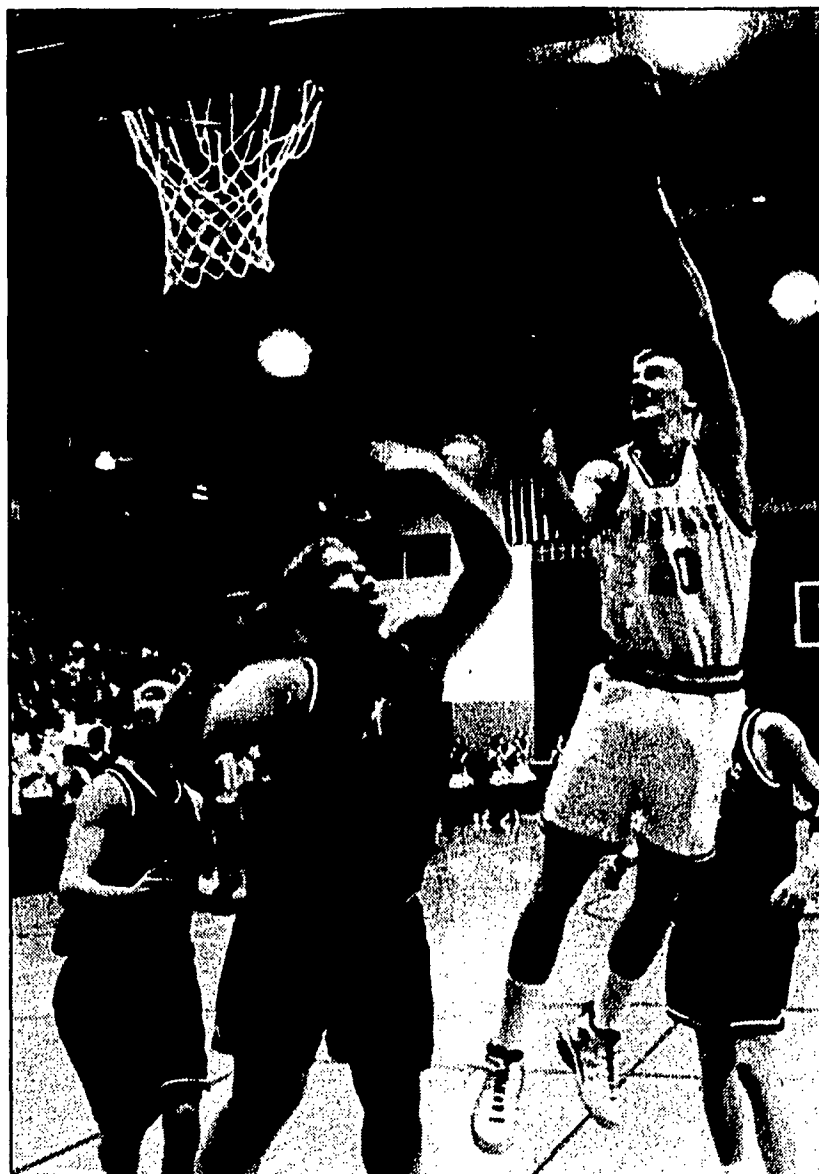
"We're losing a senior class that I was very close to, but now it's time to move on," Kuwitzky said.

After Cameron jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the game, the 'Hounds caught up and the two teams battled back and forth for the lead.

"They played really good," senior Tylor Hardy said. "They had some fire. We got behind and we just couldn't get it going."

Maryville trailed 29-20 at half, and Cameron continued to build its lead in the third quarter.

"I don't know what happened," Hardy said. "We just got anxious in the fourth quarter. We were jumpy."



Maryville senior John Otte puts up the shot during the 'Hounds' 51-45 loss to Chillicothe earlier this season. The 'Hounds finished the year 22-5.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Player undeserving of criticism for breaking Connecticut record

Most athletes would tell you records do not mean much to them. They thrive on team success, rather than individual accomplishments.

If you believe in that theory, the Connecticut basketball team's 4-point overtime victory over Villanova last week should satisfy injured star Nykesha Sales.

And, at least for her, the Huskies' win was enough.

Sales ruptured her Achilles' tendon during Connecticut's win over Notre Dame one game earlier. Her season was over. She would finish her college career one point shy of the Huskies' all-time scoring title.

However, coach Geno Auriemma, wanted to give something back to the star player who had led his team to a 26-2 record at that point.



■ Scott Summers

With the permission of Villanova coach Harry Perretta, Auriemma put Sales in the starting lineup. The Wildcats let her score an uncontested layup, setting the new mark at 2,178 points.

After the basket, Connecticut called a timeout and removed Sales from the contest. In return for the record, the Huskies allowed the Wildcats an uncontested shot, tying the game, 2-2.

Did the Connecticut coach do the right thing by asking Villanova to let Sales break the record?

Auriemma rewarded Sales for her effort and heart during her Connecticut career, and there is nothing wrong with that.

Auriemma, not to mention Perretta and Villanova, did a classy thing by giving Sales the record she would have easily broken had she not been hurt.

It took courage for the two coaches to do what they did. They both understood some people would question their decision. They also knew how disappointing it would

have been for Sales to ride the bench the rest of the season while only one point from the scoring record. They decided the positives outweighed the negatives.

Many people may believe the record is tainted because of the way Sales scored her final two points. To a certain extent, this is true. I cannot argue with that.

What would have been more unfortunate is for Sales' name to be absent from the Huskies' record simply because an unfortunate injury caused her to finish one point short.

Sales did not ask to be inserted in the game so she could get the record. She is not selfish. Basketball is a team sport, and she understands that.

The coaches should not be criticized for allowing her the opportunity she deserved. Instead, they should be praised.

Sporting events these days rarely provide what Connecticut and Villanova did last week — heart.

Scott Summers is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Tigermania should end soon

Tiger Woods deserved to be honored as the 1997 PGA Tour Player of the Year last season, but will he have an impact this year?

I doubt it. Despite coming in a close second at the Nissan Open Sunday, Woods looks to be a bit rusty.

The 21-year-old long-ball hitter is



■ Burton Taylor

not getting it done as easily as he did last year, which is what I expected to happen.

Woods took home four victories last season. Other professional golfers could only sit back and watch him flaunt his driving ability.

Woods, your 15 minutes of fame are up kiddo, so take your Masters' jacket back home and practice putting. You need it.

Anyone who ever gets to watch him play will soon realize Woods is not all that great on the green. Sure, he can drive farther than most, but like my grandfather used to tell me — "drive for show, putt for dough."

Last season, most of the cameras were following the one-hit-wonder instead of others who deserved the spotlight.

Is Woods truly a master in the game of golf? He has the jacket, attitude and media coverage of a master, but does he have the consistency? He is old news, and I do not see him being successful in the future.

So Tiger fans, get ready to watch the future of golf take a drastic turn, and keep your eyes on Tommy Armour III. He is the new phenom.

Burton Taylor is a chief reporter for the Northwest Missourian.

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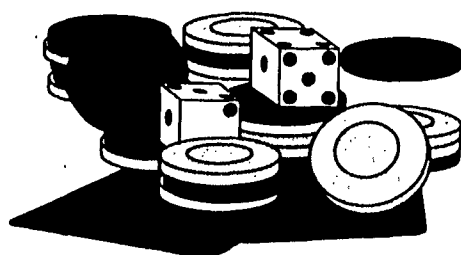
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Seniors make most of opportunities

by JP Farrels
Chief Reporter

They are two seniors striving for the same goal — to make it through regionals and keep this team together as long as they can.

Seniors Shakey Harrington and Brian Burleson have stuck together to form the glue that holds the 23-6 'Cats in place.

Both players, who say they are like brothers off the court, were a part of last year's woeful 11-16 season. Burleson was a junior in his first year at Northwest after transferring from Antelope Valley Community College in Antelope, Calif.

While Harrington only played in practice after transferring from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M., because of an ankle injury and the 'Cats already had a senior point guard.

"I told (Burleson) after the last game of last year, 'I promise next year's going to be a lot different,'" Harrington said. "We took it upon ourselves at the beginning of this year to step up and take responsibility to make sure everyone was on the same page."

The two stayed in close contact over the summer, to make sure when basketball season came around, everything was going to be ready.

"We would make sure everything was going to be great this year and make sure we stayed out of trouble," Burleson said. "Before we hung up the phone, it was always 'I love you man.'"

The love and leadership that the two bring to the team is something they both say was lacking last year.

"Last year, being the new guy, I didn't know how things worked, so I kind of sat back," Burleson said. "I don't think that was right. So this season, I wanted to make sure we had good leadership."

Harrington and Burleson set out to erase last year's troubles.

"Actually, I think we had more talent last year than we have this year, but we have a lot of guys who stick together and pull for each other and play tough defense," Harrington



Shakey Harrington, senior point guard, sits down defensively against Pittsburg State University's Oscar Gonzalez. Harrington was named the MIAA player of the year. Harrington started his career at New Mexico State before transferring to Northwest. Harrington will try and shut down Gonzalez again tonight when the 'Cats and Gorillas battle each other for the third time this season.

said. "I was sitting there watching (last season), and I couldn't do anything outside of practice. The thing that was missing last year was that too many people wanted to be the leader. We stepped up as the leaders this year, along with (junior forward) Matt Redd, and we said, 'we saw what happened last year and we weren't going to let that happen again.'"

The 'Cats accomplishments are testament to that — MIAA co-conference champs, a 13-3 conference record and a bid to the postseason tournament. The teams togetherness and close knit atmosphere are the foundation of their accomplishments.

"I've been on a lot of good teams, but this is the first team I can honestly say that you never see jealousy or animosity between teammates," Harrington said. "We all love each other."

The seniors not only lead with words, they set examples for the rest of team to follow. In practice they encourage everyone. When Harrington takes a charge in practice, Burleson is the first from the sidelines to help him up and slap him on the rear.

"I'm around a great bunch of guys," Harrington said. "Everyone supports each other and tries for a common goal. Everyone works hard and good things have been happening for us."

Defense has been a big part of the team this year, and the seniors have been the catalysts of the defense.

"Coach (Steve Tappmeyer) always says that I set the defensive tone, so when everyone sees me down they all get ready to go," Harrington said. "When we play good defense, you see everybody on the floor and taking

charges. We get things going and we're having fun."

Defense is one of the biggest differences for this team that was picked in the pre-season MIAA coaches' poll to finish No. 6.

"We made sure everyone knew we were going to have to play defense," Harrington said. "I mean every game we have won this season was because of our defense, not because of big-name players. Regardless of what your offense is doing every night, if you play your defense you can always win games."

The seniors' close relationship off the court has evolved into a closeness throughout the whole team, they said.

"We have just as much fun off the court as on it," Harrington said. "It's just like living with my family. I'm with these guys so much they make me not miss my family so much. I have just as much love for these guys as my own family. I can actually look everyone one of them in the eye and tell them that I love them."

Becoming so close may have helped make the team much better, but it will be hard when it is all over, Burleson said.

"Everyone has got so close this year, I wouldn't doubt if at the banquet or the last day of school, there were tears shed," he said.

Although, the good-bye could be eased if it is after the postgame celebration at the national championship.

"I hope we go all the way through, because I don't want this to ever end," Harrington said.



Senior forward Brian Burleson raises up for a jumper. Burleson is in his second season with the 'Cats after transferring from Antelope Community College in California. Burleson and Harrington are the lone seniors on this year's squad.

Teammates capture childhood days

by Colin McDonough
Managing Editor

For three members of this year's Bearcat basketball team, it's like reliving the glory days of their youth.

Matt Redd, Mike Morley and Phil Simpson have played together on AAU basketball teams since the sixth grade and this year they joined forces again.

All three remember first playing together in sixth grade when they played over 70 games.

The trio played five to six games a weekend and made the national AAU tournament twice going up against Division I and NBA-caliber players.

Albert White of the University of Missouri and Stephon Marbury of the Minnesota Timberwolves were on teams that the three competed against.

Simpson said his favorite moment with his two teammates is when they played against Derek Hood's AAU team out of Kansas City.

"We beat them and it was pretty much a Kansas City all-star team," Simpson said. "We were based in Maryville and they were thinking we were farm kids."

Del Morley, Mike's father, said he remembers the three playing together as youngsters and them beating tougher opponents.

"A lot of times they would beat teams that had more talent," Del said. "They overcame their lack of physical talent and played within themselves."

Simpson went to high school at Lafayette in St. Joseph, while Redd and Morley went to Maryville High School. So the three battled each other in MEC games as well.

Simpson said they played each other twice a year but Maryville always won.

"We played pretty well but we could never get them," Simpson said. "The only time we beat them was in eighth grade."



After high school, both Redd and Simpson attended Northwest, while Morley attended Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa.

Coming back to Maryville never entered into Morley's mind until a call from Simpson.

"I didn't think I'd come at all," Morley said. "I had been offered a scholarship in Indiana, but Phil called and basically talked me into coming here."

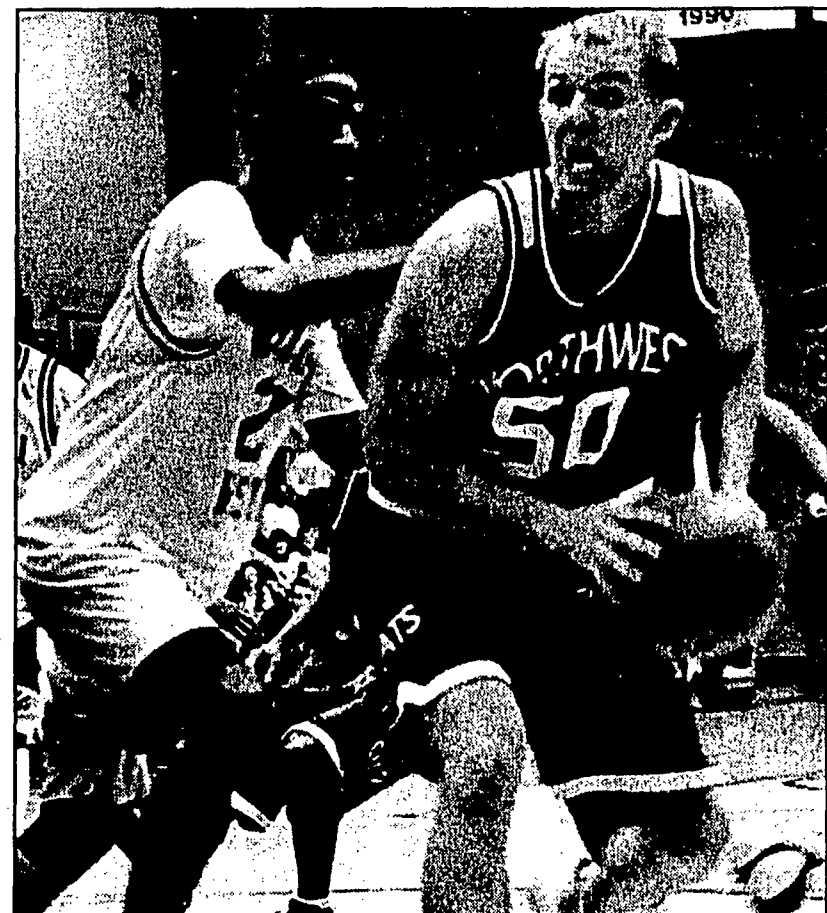
Redd was comfortable with Morley on the team, because he knew what he could do.

"I knew he wasn't your average juco (junior college) player," Redd said. "I knew he'd fit right into the system."

Coming back to Maryville and enjoying the success the team is having this year brings back good memories for Morley.

"It's kind of like reliving our moments," Morley said. "I hope we can make it that far again."

These three will get their chance to make their mark again when they battle Pittsburg State University Thursday in Canyon, Texas.



Phil Simpson, Mike Morley, Brandon Wels and Chevis Johnson (left above) watch as the Bearcats dominate more action. (Left Below) Teammates since grade school, Matt Redd and Simpson enjoy their time on the court. Redd (above) lunged toward the hoop in hopes of drawing a foul against Missouri Western State College's Traveon Parks. Redd, Simpson and Morley joined forces again this season after playing together in summer basketball.

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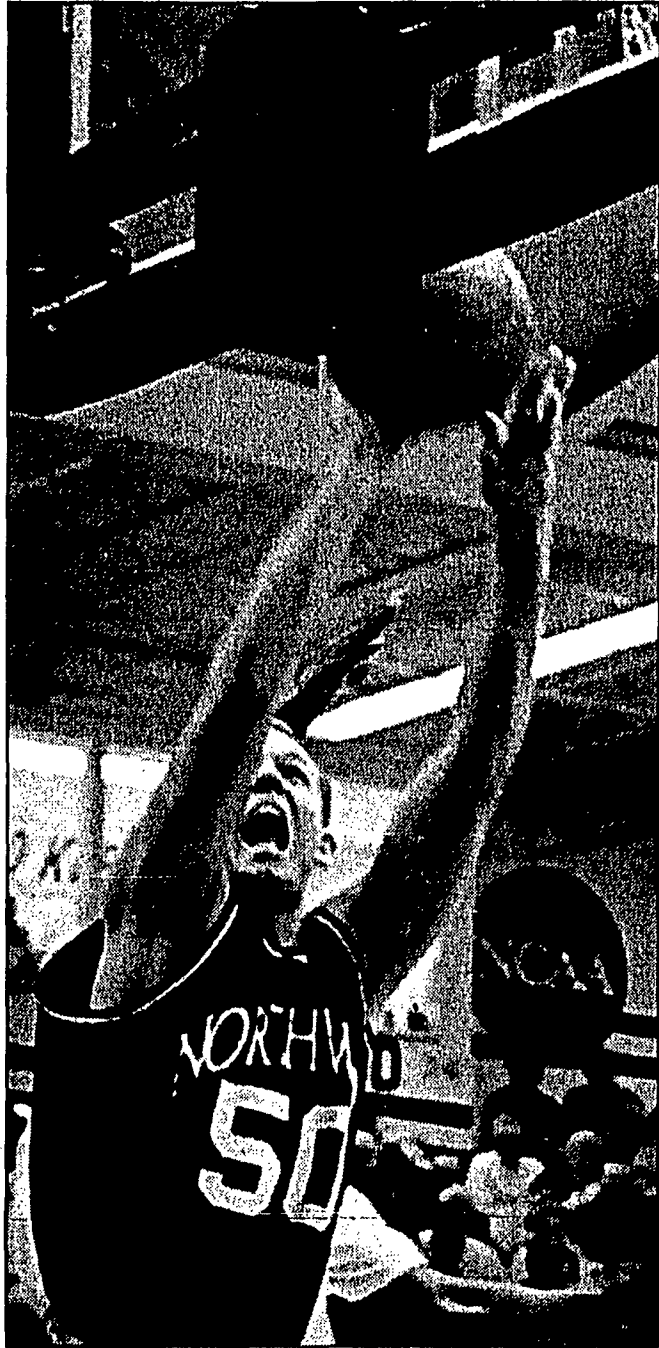
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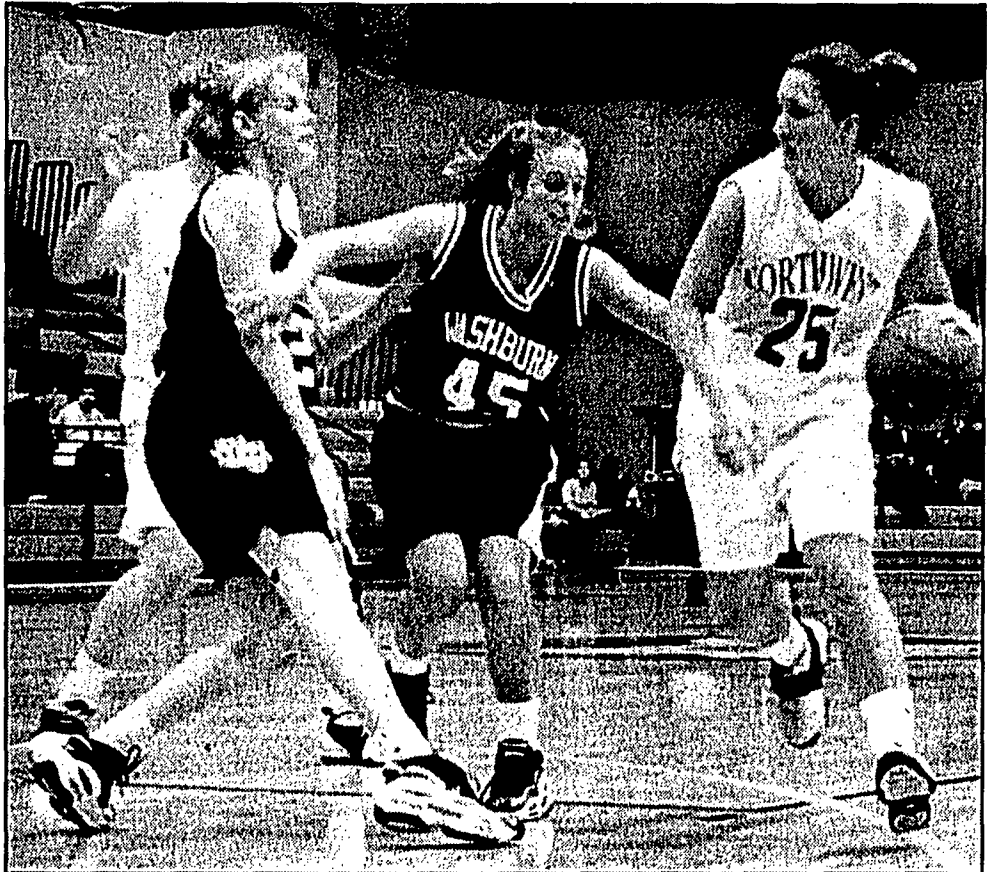


Senior guard Pam Cummings (below left) penetrates the Washburn University defense. Cummings owns virtually every assist record at Northwest and in the MIAA. Junior forward Matt Redd (left) strives for a layup against Missouri Western State College. Head coach Steve Tappmeyer (below) pleads with his players. This year marked the second year the 'Cats reached the regional tournament in Tappmeyer's era.

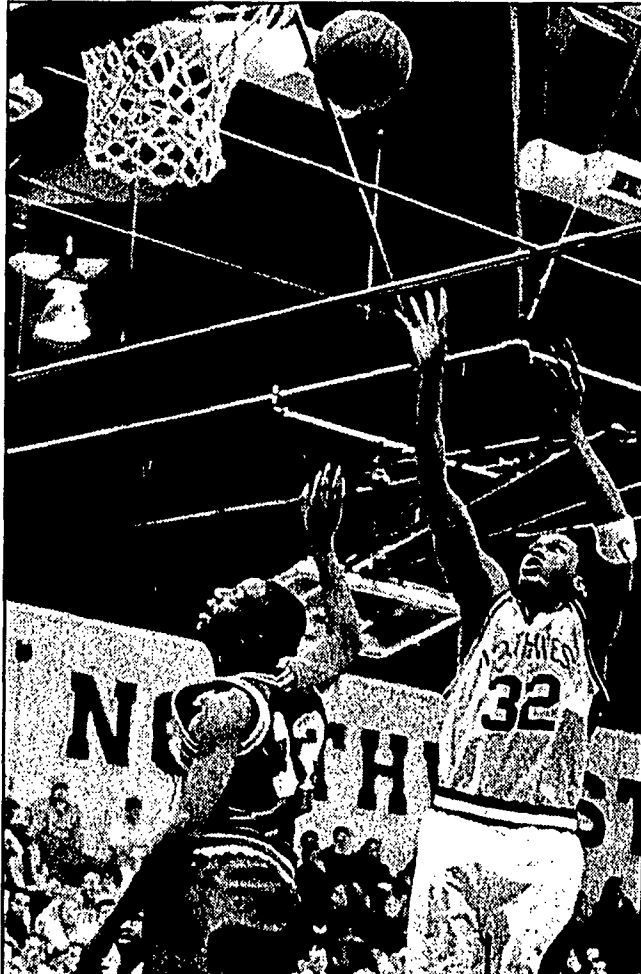


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Senior forward Brian Burleson (left) drops in a deuce over the Pittsburg State University defense. It marked the final appearance for Burleson in Bearcat Arena. Sophomore guard Phil Simpson (below) listens intently to the instructions from head coach Steve Tappmeyer. Simpson was a vital part of the Bearcats' three-point attack. (Bottom) Both Bearcat and Griffon fans packed the Missouri Western Fieldhouse last Saturday in the MIAA championship game. The Griffons dropped the Bearcats and claimed the MIAA title.

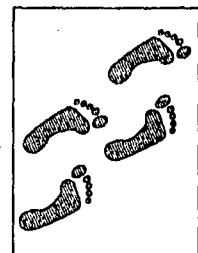


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The Stroller

Your Man shoots down Griffs



The Stroller

Weekly Wanderer compares campuses; reflects on local issues

What a week. It really wasn't that we lost to Missouri Western twice that sent me over the edge. I really feel sorry for those kids going to nothing more than a glorified junior college.

What is that Griffon mascot anyway? I thought they were horses with an eagle face or gargoyles. I'm not so sure that thing wasn't one of the muppets before becoming their mascot. It makes you appreciate Bobby Bearcat.

I was trying to think of a new name for them. I like Users, it typifies their players. A different player could be the mascot for each home game.

When did the NCAA stop drug testing its players? I know it's only Division II, but is there not any doubt that over half of that team fails miserably. I hope you all kept your programs from either this Saturday or last so you can mark off the number of players who go to jail after their playing days are over.

It makes me proud to be a Bearcat. When the "Junior College" wins championships in both football and men's basketball in the same year — then they can talk. If they want to accomplish that, they'll need to start by not letting our football team score 50 points against them.

Note to the MWSC athletic director: Quit recruiting dimwits and criminals so then your school would start getting more respect as an actual facility for higher learning.

Oh sure, we have our problems too. The First Amendment is being trampled upon by the administration. Our own beloved Student Senate has become some sort of puppet government for the administration. This is a step up from being the parliamentary procedure club that they had been in the past. I suppose that will draw another well thought out letter to the editor.

Here's my take on the whole incident. Some people didn't agree with Sarah Brady's

speech. That is not unusual for Maryville.

Let's face it, Jed Clampett would feel at home here. NRA support in Maryville is higher than support for wearing pants in public.

However, what was unbelievable is that someone (not necessarily Campus Safety or Student Senate) decided that passing out fliers was a threat either to public image or to Brady's safety.

Either way, they were wrong. If it was a public image they were afraid of tarnishing, the entire blow up about the First Amendment and all the local media attention it has gotten is much worse than anything those fliers could have started.

I don't think a threat to Brady's life was very likely either. Sure the car she was riding in may have gotten its stereo stolen, but when was the last time a high profile figure was murdered in Maryville?

It's easy to detect that Student Senate does not have a clue what this posting rule is all about and how it is applied. Their defenses of it on "Maryville Tonight", in the *Missourian* and KQ2 have been some of the most uninformed and uninspired comments Your Man has ever heard.

In short, what happened folks is nothing short of a bad decision made by an administrator who feared that people expressing their opinions might shake up this sleepy little town.

To accomplish their brand of censorship, they used a little known or used Senate rule. They threw one by us.

I just hope the administration uses the front doors of the Administration Building some morning or looks closely at the University seal and sees those words.

Rooted in time those words mean as much now as they did in 1905 — "And the Truth Shall Set You Free."

The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the *Missourian*.

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

1. Worth, Texas
5. Tamale base
9. Sonic
13. "Little White Duck" singer
14. Model Elaine
15. Nastase of tennis
16. Clammy
17. Beneath
18. Delta builder
19. Bravo, for a bullfighter
20. Contends
21. Cut in two
22. Clutch
24. Roman statesmen
25. Doesn't depart
27. Cultured milk
30. Spectators at Army-Navy game
32. Drill
33. Auditor's initials
36. Malt beverages
37. Cries
39. Take it on the
40. Literary

monogram

41. Mind: Lat.
42. My Sister
44. Heavy
46. Legume, old-style
47. Filled pastry
50. Famed moralist
52. Put arow
53. Port of Hawaii
54. Mouse
57. Summoned the butler

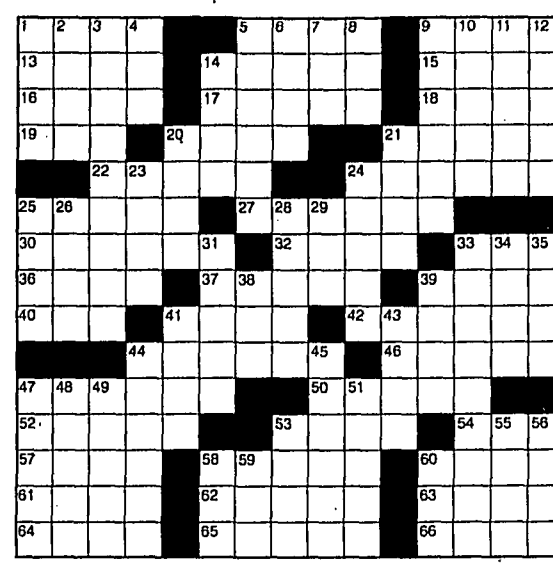
DOWN

1. Generic dog's name
2. The Office
3. Apostates
4. Sound of disapproval
5. Eerie
6. Symbols of wisdom
7. 1992 Eco-summit site
8. Vane dir.
9. Halve
10. Antipasto item
11. Gretzky, once
12. Paris subway
14. Bird venerated by Egyptians
20. Fathomless
21. Horse father

Answers to last issue's puzzle

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EAR	SEEM	LEE
MISSTEP	SCI	
ASP	SAL	TEL
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MATA	ETNA	ERIOS
ACED	REED	DESKS

23. Certain breads
24. Whammy
25. Wound remnant
26. Rangy
28. More than overweight
29. Republican initials
31. Take an oath
33. Brought into contempt
34. Toddler's muddy creations
35. Actress Archer
38. Remnant
39. Antony's
41. My: Ger.
43. facta
44. Brought up the rear
45. Fastened with brads
47. Soil
48. Heidi's friend in Frankfurt
49. Passenger ship
51. In some other way
53. Bring on board
55. Mild expletive
56. Rosewall and Norton
58. Vintner's need
59. Vanity
60. Neighbor of Wyoming



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April 15-19 — Schoolhouse Rock Live, Coterie Theatre.
April 18 — Marian McPartland Trio, Folly Theater.

Omaha

March 5-8 — "Annie," Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
March 14 — Gaither Homecoming, Civic Auditorium Arena.
March 18 — Everclear, Ranch Bowl.
March 21 — Geoff Moore, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.
April 1 — Dread Zeppelin, Ranch Bowl.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

Des Moines

March 6 — Arts After Hours Program, Art Center.
March 7-8 — The Planets (All Orchestra), Civic Center.
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